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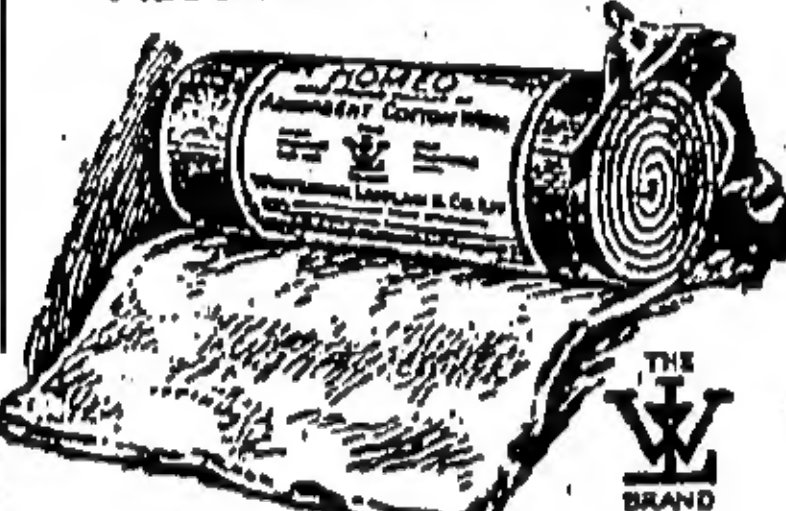


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## SEVERE FIGHTING. CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S TROOPS ADVANCING. YANG SEN'S MOVE. HELPING BOTH WU AND CHIANG.

The drive against the Reds continues. The Southerners are converging on several Communist strongholds, while General Yang Sen and Wu Pei-fu are still advancing against Hankow. Yang Sen appears to be co-operating with both Chiang Kai-shek and Wu Pei-fu against the Reds.

### REDS ON RUN. Chiang Advancing Against Wuchang.

Hankow, May 17.  
Southern troops loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek are converging on the Communist strongholds. Southern troops at Yanchow are reported to have advanced on Wuchang (which, prior to the split, was contemplated as the Nationalist capital) and Southern troops at Hengchow are also reported to have advanced on Changsha.—British Naval Wireless.

### YANG SEN AGAIN. Commanders Portuguese Steamer.

Shasi, May 17.  
General Yang Sen commanded a Portuguese steamer yesterday to tow his troops to a place eight miles below Chenglin in order that he might further his advance against Hankow.

In addition to being an ally of Wu Pei-fu, there appears to be an arrangement whereby Yang Sen may co-operate with Chiang Kai-shek and Yang Sen's troops in the area mentioned are under the orders of Chiang Kai-shek.

The foreign settlement remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

### PUKOW'S SEQUEL. Retreating Northerners Cut Railway.

Nanking, May 17.  
With the capture of Pukow by the Southerners, cross river traffic has been resumed and the situation is more or less normal except that the Northerners cut the Pukow-Tientsin railway 30 miles above Pukow and that their batteries on the hill some miles behind Pukow are firing a few shells at the Southern batteries at Tiger and Lion Hills.

Troops are moving up the river bank from Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

Firing Across River.  
Chinking, May 17.  
There was gunfire yesterday between the opposing forces on both banks of the river. Otherwise, the situation is quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

### SEVERE FIGHTING. Hankow General Beset on Two Fronts.

Peking, May 17.  
It is reliably reported that severe fighting is going on at Shanghai where six brigades of Wu Pei-fu troops and Tien Wei-chun troops are opposing the main force for Tang Seng-chi's troops, while two Mukden cavalry brigades are moving to attack Tang's rear.

The "Chen Pao" reports that the Kuomintang has reached the Lungai railway, threatening Loyang.

The Wu Pei-fu General Chang Chi-kung is opposing them and the Mukden General Wang Fu-lin is hastening from Changchow to Chang. Chih-kung's assistance.

General Yang Sen has reached Shasi.—Reuter.

### TOBACCO FACTORY CLOSED. Excessive Taxation the Cause.

Tsingtao, May 18.  
The British Cigarette Company's factory has been closed owing to the excessive taxation imposed by the provincial authorities and regulations rendering it impossible for the Company to continue business.

The local illegal cigarette tax has increased to 30 per cent from May 10.—Reuter.

### FORTS BOMBARDED. Southern Destroyers Run To Safety.

Shanghai, May 19.  
The Northern cruisers "Haichi" and "Chaochao," part of Chang Tsung-chang's flotilla squadron, are at present bombarding the Woosung forts held by the Southerners. The forts are replying.

Five Southern destroyers, upon hearing that the bombardment was likely, withdrew rapidly from the vicinity of the forts and proceeded up the Whangpoo River to safety and are now opposite Lung-hua, a little beyond Shanghai.—Reuter.

### TROOPS IN CHINA. Hong Kong's Seven Infantry Battalions.

London, May 17.  
Replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) with regard to the strength of the Shanghai Defence Force Captain Douglas King, Financial Under Secretary for

### SIR MILES LAMPSON. Sails From Tientsin For Shanghai.

Tientsin, May 17.  
Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to Peking, left for Shanghai on H.M.S. "Foxglove" this morning.—Reuter.

Hankow, May 17.  
Admiral Tyrwhitt, the British Commander-in-Chief, has arrived here on board H.M.S. "Hawkins".—Reuter.

War, stated that the Force consisted of twelve infantry and one marine battalions with ancillary troops.

There were seven infantry battalions and ancillaries at Hong Kong, including the four arriving.

It was not proposed to bring the home class A reservists from Shanghai in the near future.—Reuter.

### EARLIER MESSAGES. British Gesture of Disapproval at Hankow.

Peking, May 17.  
It is understood that Mr. Basil Newton, who replaced Mr. Eric Teichman as H.M. Minister's representative at Hankow, has been recalled. This is interpreted as a gesture of British disapproval of the Hankow regime.—Reuter.

More U.S. Marines.  
Manila, May 17.  
The "Chaumont" is proceeding to Shanghai to-day with five hundred Marines, planes and tanks.—Reuter.

Money for Chiang Kai-shek.  
Manila, May 17.  
Local Chinese have raised sixty thousand Pesos for Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

### WEATHER FORECAST. E. winds, moderate; fair; is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer, 29.83; temperature, 73; humidity 87; wind E. force 2.

**A LOST TORPEDO.**  
A reward of \$50 is offered by the Naval Authorities for the recovery of a 21-inch torpedo which was lost from one of H.M. ships on May 1 in a position approximately 098 degrees, nine miles from Wai-lan Lighthouse.

## ARCOS RAID. Soviet Government's Protest. RELATIONS IN DANGER.

Moscow, May 17.  
The Soviet Note despatched to London endorses the protest of M. Rosenholz, Charge d'Affaires in London, and recalls that during the negotiations for the resumption of Anglo-Soviet economic relations, the Soviets especially stressed the demand for the immunity of its trade agencies abroad, and the principle was embodied in the fifth Article of the trade agreement which the British had now violated in the grossest and most insulting manner.

**"Unprecedented."**  
The Note expresses the opinion that the raid on Arcos Limited, which is an English trading company of high standing, which accurately fulfilled its obligations, is unprecedented, and could only have been actuated by a motive of causing detriment to Soviet interests connected with Arcos by compromising the latter and creating an atmosphere of hostility and want of confidence, while the irruption into the premises of the Trade Delegation and the acts committed there flagrantly violate the agreement of 1921.

**Letters in Cypher.**  
After arguing that M. Kinchuk's cypher correspondence is entitled to immunity, the Note complains that the officials of the Trade Delegation cypher department were subjected to violence, even being beaten, when fulfilling their duty, while M. Kinchuk's wife, who has a diplomatic passport, was detained with violence and searched.

**Zinovieff Letter Allegations.**  
The raid is a very serious hostile act jeopardising the further preservation of relations of the interested States.

It can be proved that the Trade Delegation's activity gave no justification for the raid from the fact that no complaint has been received from the British Government as regards this activity.

The search was robbed of any formal significance owing to the refusal of the police to permit the Delegation's representatives to attend.

The British Government was aware of the Soviet Government's note referring to a police raid carried out in analogous circumstances in China that to provide the search with even elementary legal guarantees was more than necessary in view of the ominous role once played in Soviet-British relations by a forged document.

**Trade Agreement Allegations.**  
Against the oft-repeated accusations against Soviet violation of the rules of international relations, the Soviet Government has unquestionable proof of the British Government's violation of the Soviet-British agreement of 1921 and the post offensive handling of persons enjoying diplomatic immunity, while the requirements of international law have been totally ignored, the British Government apparently striving to bring the Anglo-Soviet tension to a culminating point.

**Campaign of Hate.**  
The unprecedented and unrestrained campaign of hate which culminated in the raid compels the Soviet earnestly and frankly to ask the British Government whether it desires the preservation and development of the British-Soviet trade relations, or whether it intends in future to hamper them.

The Soviet Government categorically declares that the conduct of trade relations is only possible on the strict observance by the British Government of the Trade Agreement and guaranteeing the economic organs of the Soviet the possibility of quite normal work.

The Soviet feels it right to demand a clear and unequivocal reply, from which it may draw due conclusions. It reserves the right to demand satisfaction for the British Government's violations of Treaty obligations, for the insults suffered, and the material losses caused by the action of the Police.—Reuter.

## PIRACY GRILLES. ARE THEY WITHIN SCOPE OF COURT? COLLISION INQUIRY. WAS "LEUNG KWONG" ON WRONG SIDE?

Will the question of the grilles and the loss of life attendant on them in the collision in Capsulmum Pass on May 9 between the s.s. "Leung Kwong" and the s.s. "Moonshine" be allowed to enter as a factor in the evidence before the Marine Court of Inquiry which opened at the Harbour Office this morning to inquire into the circumstances attending the collision?

According to the interpretation of the Deputy Harbour Master (Lt. Comdr. Hole R.N. being in hospital), the Court is to enquire into the collision only, and he considers that the Court is not the authority to consider the question of the grilles.

The Court comprised: J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. (President); C. A. Merriman, R.N.; T. B. Nelson (s.s. "Protesilans"); G. A. G. More (s.s. "Antung"); R. N. Stephens (s.s. "Kwongtung").

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. T. G. Bennett, of Johnston, Stokes and Musters) was for the owners of the s.s. "Moonshine"; Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. Hugh Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Griat) was for the owners of the "Leung Kwong"; Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton held a watching brief for the China Coast Officers' Guild.

Grilles and Loss of Life.  
Mr. Jenkin indicated at the outset that his case would be concerned solely with the facts as to the collision. Mr. Sheldon, he understood, would be concerned not only with the collision but with the question of the grilles, and the part they had played in the loss of life.

The President remarked that he did not think the question of the grilles came within the scope of the

### TRADE WITH RUSSIA. Imports and Exports For April.

London, May 17.  
The extent of Anglo-Russian trade was shown by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, who, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) in the House of Commons, stated that imports in April were £1,400,000, while the British exports were £228,000 and re-exports £1,200,000.—Reuter.

### Court of Inquiry which was to consider solely the facts as to the collision.

Mr. Sheldon remarked that they had played a part in the question of the loss of life. He was in the President's hands, but in one of the subsidiary papers regarding the Court and its purposes and the collision in question, the words appeared "to enquire into the collision and the attendant loss of life."

The President commented that this was not in the warrant read prior to the opening of the Court, and indicated that Mr. Jenkin should open his case regarding the facts of the collision.

Mr. Jenkin, dealing with the movements of the s.s. "Moonshine," said that it was a single screw steam launch of some 90 tons register, of about 90 feet in length and 18 feet beam. On May 9, the date of this memorable collision, the steam launch left Ling Tin for Hong Kong at about 5.30 p.m., arriving in Capsulmum Pass about two hours later.

**"Sudden Change of Course"**  
It was practically dark at the time, the sea was clear, and the night was a clear one. The "Moonshine" was proceeding on her trip to Hong Kong down the right side of the channel and sighted ahead of her a vessel which it subsequently transpired was the "Leung Kwong." The vessels approached each other at port to port until they were within a distance of about 250 feet apart, when the "Leung Kwong," without previous signal, suddenly directed her course to port with the result that she commenced to cross the bows of the "Moonshine" which at that time indisputably commented a counsel, was on the right side of the channel.

The "Moonshine," continued counsel, at once stopped and reversed her engines but it was inevitable, by reason of the close proximity of the "Leung Kwong" and her sudden change of course, that a collision would occur between the two.

The two ships met and it was an admitted fact that the starboard bow of the "Leung Kwong" was damaged as a result of the impact. Slight damage was also done to the port bow of the "Moonshine" which was accounted for, by the "Leung Kwong," being extremely heavily laden and lying low in the water.

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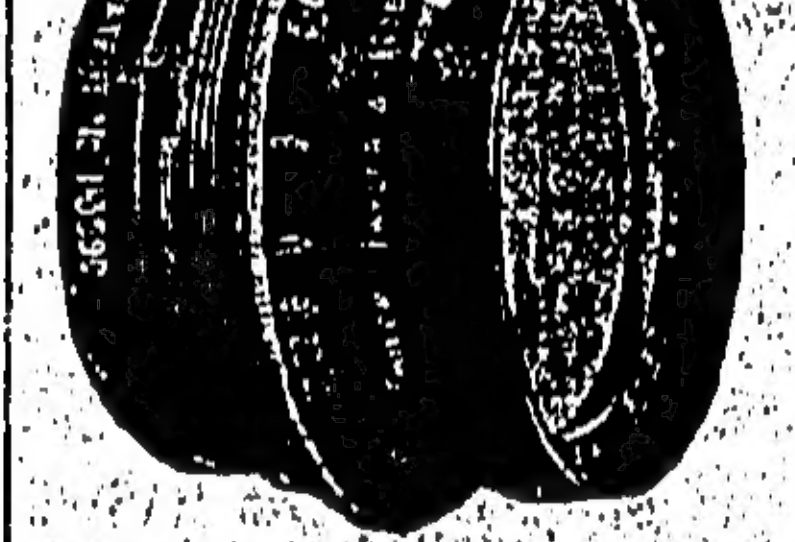
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Entries will close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 23rd May, 1927.  
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
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Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927.

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

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**WITH LOUIS XIV.****LIVES THAT BRIDGE THE GAPS OF TIME.****A VETERAN OF 1812.**

Mr. Philip Guedalla, in his recent delightful book on Lord Palmerston, points out what a span Palmerston's eighty odd years covered.

He was Secretary for War against Napoleon, and he lived to see the advent of Bismarck. When he was born Sir Joshua Reynolds was painting Mrs. Siddons, and he died in the year in which Swinburne published "Atalanta in Calydon."

The English people are tenacious of historical memories, and we like our history in a personal form (says John Buchan in the "Sunday Chronicle"). To have known a man who had known a man whose father fought at Minden seems to annihilate time and make the past live freshly in our imagination.

There are certain lives which are like bridges, spanning a gap which in cold retrospect seems unbelievably great. They make us feel the continuity of history, and through them we link hands with forgotten generations.

**Countess's Span.**

Such lives need not be specially long. A centenarian in the Shetlands or Connemara gives us no thrill, for he is spending his life in very similar conditions to those in which he began it, and the great events of the century in the outer world mean little to him.

A life for our purpose must have been lived in the kind of world which changes rapidly, and must have been brought into relation with historic events or personages.

The most wonderful bridge—if it were sound—would be the life of the Countess of Desmond, who died in 1604 at the alleged age of 140. According to Sir Walter Raleigh, she was married in the reign of Edward IV., danced with Richard Crookback, and the whole Tudor line, and the succession of the Stuarts, and finally died through falling out of a cherry tree!

It is a spirited tale, but history looks upon it with scepticism. At the most she is allowed 104 years, and more probably only 95. Still, it is a long span between different worlds.

**From '45 to the Great War.**

But other instances can be found which are perfectly authentic. Let me set down a few, beginning with my own family. I had a great-uncle who died just before the War and who, as a child in the Scottish Lowlands, had for his nurse an old woman who, as a little girl, remembered being frightened by the Highlanders marching south to Derby.

If my children are ever grandparents they will be able to say that they have spoken with a man whose nurse had seen Prince Charlie.

Another Stuart link. Lady Louisa Stuart was a daughter of the Lord Bute who was George III.'s Prime Minister. She was born in the year of Quiberon Bay, and she lived to see the Great Exhibition of 1851. Her recollections, therefore, ranged from Lady Sarah Lennox to Lady Palmerston, from Richardson on Thackeray, from the age of Pope to the age of Tennyson.

But there is a still more remarkable link. Her great-uncle as a young man had as his tutor an old priest who had been at the execution of Charles I. There are people still alive who remember Lady Louisa. Between them and that snowy winter afternoon in Whitehall there are only three lives.

Three Generations: 200 Years.

Mr. Henry Coke, whom many of us remember, died in the early years of the Great War. He was a distinguished traveller and writer and a student of philosophy. He was born in 1827 a younger son of the famous Coke of Norfolk, the great agriculturist, who afterwards became Earl of Leicester.

Now, Coke of Norfolk in his youth was an intimate friend of Louise of Stolger, the wife of Prince Charles Edward. Therefore children who met Mr. Henry Coke in his later years will be able to say that they have talked to a man whose father was a friend of Prince Charlie's wife. They will probably not be believed, but it will be true all the same.

The most notable example of these historical bridges will obviously be found where a man begets sons in his old age, and these in turn follow the father's example. The late Lord Cromer, the maker of modern Egypt, was the ninth son of Mr. Henry Baring, who was born in 1777. Lord Cromer's youngest son is now in his early twenties. If he lives to the Palestine's allowance of three score and ten, he will be able to say that his grandfather was born 200 years ago.

Recollections of Napoleon.

Napoleon makes a good peg on which to hang such reminiscences, for he is a landmark of which no contemporary could be oblivious and which later generations are not likely to forget.

When the centenary of the Battle of Borodino was celebrated in Russia in 1912, the "Novoe Vremya" published a photograph of a batch of old men who had been present at the battle—none of whom could have been less than 110 years of age. All the cases were, I believe, carefully authenticated.

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A friend of mine once told me that he was travelling in the Apennines in the early years of this century, and in a certain village found an old beggar whom everyone seemed to treat with peculiar respect. He made inquiries, and found that the beggar was one of the Italian conspirators who had marched to Moscow.

In my friend's party was a young American girl. She will be able to tell her grandchildren that she has spoken with a man who had been in Russia with Napoleon.

"I Remember."

That is a case where, a dweller in a remote village makes a link, because he happened at one time to be caught up in the march of great events. I dare say similar instances could be found, but it is essential that there should be some fruition of the outer world. A long, peaceful, uneventful life will not give us the thrill, for there is no abutment in the past from which the arch can spring.

The most startling links are to be found in the class of society which moves in the full glare of history and which treasures its recollections like family documents. Here is one last example, which would be unbelievable if it were not amply vouched for.

In the early nineties the Empress Eugenie was having some friends to tea at her house at Farnborough, and among the party was a very old lady. Suddenly the guests were electrified by hearing the old lady remark:

"I remember that my husband told me that Louis XIV. once said to him—"

Amazing Bridge.

It was true. The lady was the old Duchesse de Richelieu. As a very young girl she had married the Duc de Richelieu, then about ninety, and the Duc in his early teens had been a page of Louis XIV. in the last year of that monarch's life.

That is a case where all the requisites are present—a very old man with a good memory, marrying at a great age a very young girl, who in turn lives to be very old. It leaves the imagination dizzy.

A middle-aged man of to-day has spoken to a woman whose husband was a courier of the Grand Monarque, the King who struggled with Mazarin and intrigued with Charles II. That is the most amazing bridge we are likely to find between past and present.

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(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

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18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.58
22	5.41	6.59
23	5.41	7.00
24	5.40	7.00
25	5.40	7.01
26	5.40	7.01
27	5.39	7.02
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.02
30	5.39	7.02
31	5.38	7.03

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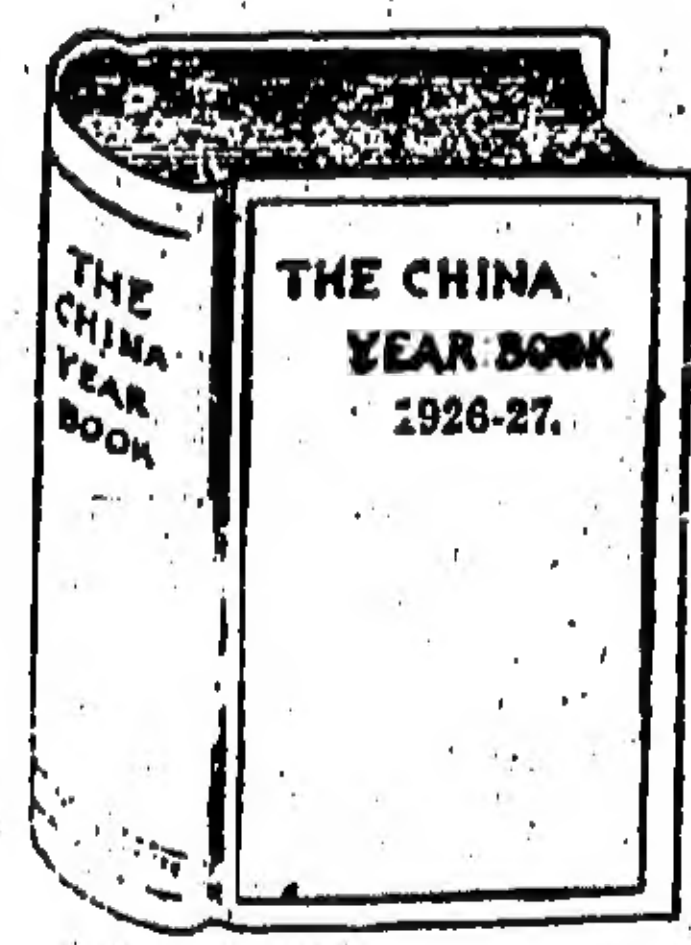
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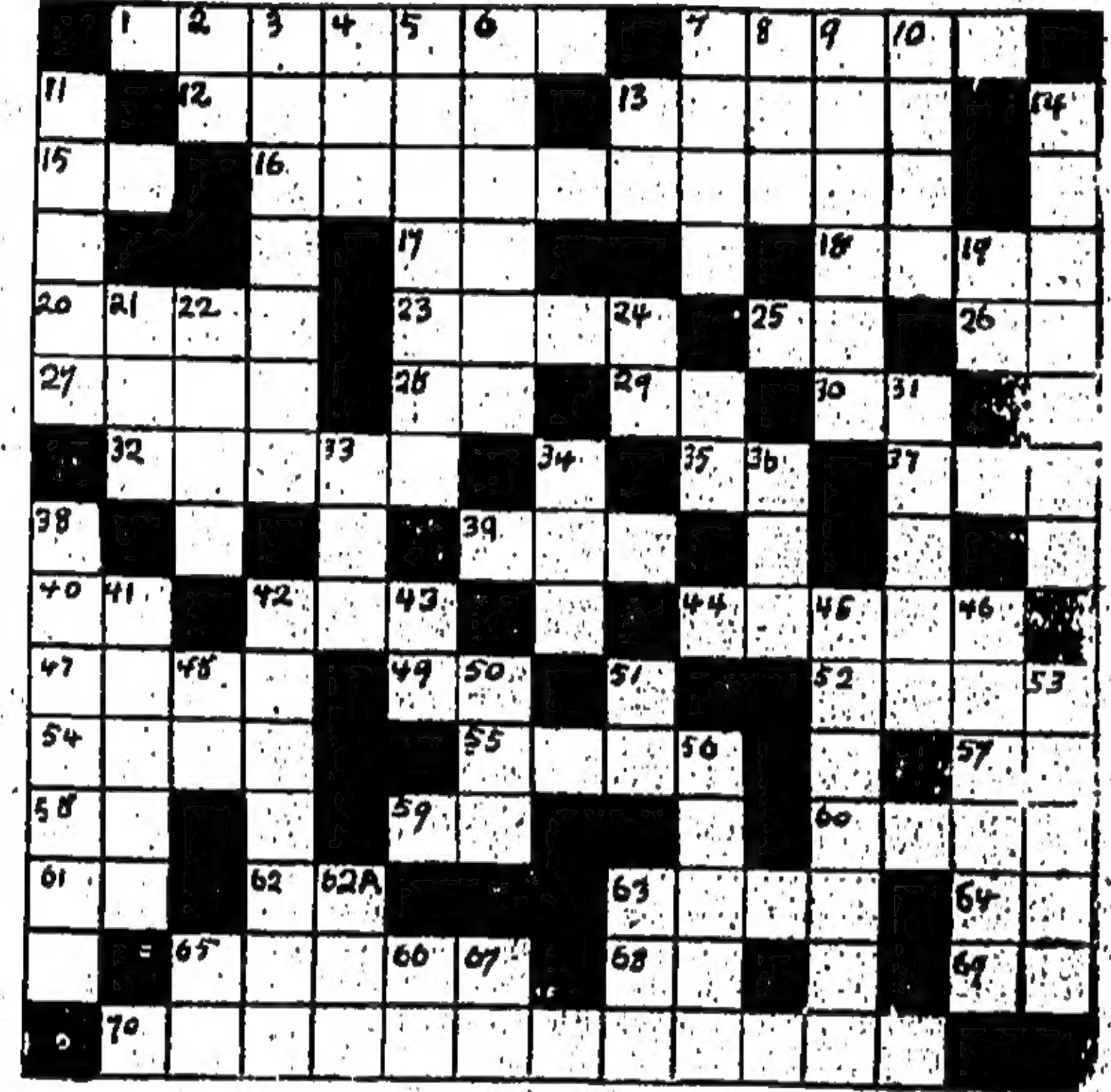
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|---|--|
| <b>Across.</b>                          | <b>Down.</b>   |
| 1. Manifest.                            | 2. T. B. (actual).   |
| 3. Consequential.                       | 3. Part of machine moved by the foot.                              |
| 4. Pierce.                              | 4. E. E. V. (actual).  |
| 5. To cause to rise.                    | 5. Kissed with violence.   |
| 6. A prefix meaning iteration.          | 6. Fits for insertion into a mortice?                              |
| 7. Vanishing.                           | 7. The grampus.  |
| 8. A prefix signifying in conjunction.  | 8. A wave.   |
| 9. Largest great division of the globe. | 9. Natural.  |
| 10. Imitated servilely.                 | 10. Captures by wife.  |
| 11. A protuberance.                     | 11. To make a harsh grating sound.                                 |
| 12. Denotes presence.                   | 12. C. S. (actual).  |
| 13. T. R. (actual).                     | 13. Knotted.   |
| 14. A rude, rustic, rough man.          | 14. Impersonal neuter pronoun.                                     |
| 15. E. S. (actual).                     | 15. A fit of peevishness.  |
| 16. A. A. (actual).                     | 16. Strays from the right path.                                    |
| 17. E. O. (actual).                     | 17. Same as 49 across.   |
| 18. To bend.                            | 18. Musical drama.   |
| 19. Out of the common path.             | 19. A point.   |
| 20. A magpie.                           | 20. To rise in blisters, breaking in white froth.                  |
| 21. Doomed.                             | 21. A hicough.   |
| 22. L. S. (actual).                     | 22. An infection.  |
| 23. Japanese lady's snuff.              | 23. An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner.        |
| 24. Uncommon.                           | 24. A town in ancient Greece.                                      |
| 25. A sharp loud outcry.                | 25. I. P. (actual).  |
| 26. Father.                             | 26. The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation. |
| 27. A hostile incursion.                | 27. To concur.   |
| 28. Vigorous.                           | 28. L. R. (actual).  |
| 29. Yellow part of an egg.              | 29. Yes.   |
| 30. Moderation.                         | 30. Hebrew deity.  |
| 31. Myself.                             | 31. Pertaining to the god of the winds in ancient mythology.       |
| 32. Honey (French).                     | 32. A kind of scourge used in Russia.                              |
| 33. E. Y. (actual).                     | 33. A water game.  |
| 34. Same as 49 across.                  | 34. The Dutch.   |
| 35. A. R. (actual).                     | 35. A legume.  |
| 36. An article of food.                 | 36. V. B. (actual).  |
| 37. E. U. (actual).                     | 37. North Britain (abbreviated).                                   |
| 38. London district (abbreviated).      | 38. D. U. (actual).  |
| 39. A walking about.                    |  |

[Clue No. 61 Across should read E. Y. (actual) instead of E. V. (actual).]  
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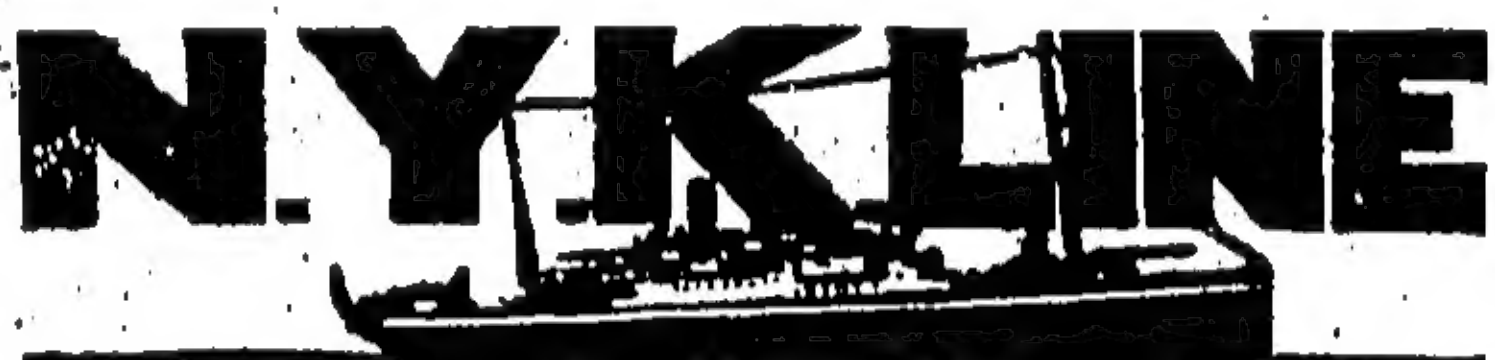
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Captain S. M. Day, commander of the merchant vessel, the "Dundee," which during the war acted with the cruiser "Achilles" in tracing suspicious vessels, gave his own account of the fight with the German cruiser "Leopard" in 1917, which was related for the first time by the Prime Minister at the banquet of the Chamber of Shipping.

Captain Day, who was at the dinner, said: "I had no idea that my name was to be mentioned, and if I hadn't been an old man I should have blushed. But I am glad because of the rightful tribute to my crew, that the Prime Minister told the story. The Navy gave us full marks for what we did. On the cruiser 'Achilles,' with my friend Captain Leek in command, fell the whole onus of the fight. Officially it must be described as a twenty-five minute duel between the 'Achilles' and the 'Leopard.'"

"When my suspicions were aroused as to the supposed Norwegian steamer 'Rena,' I approached, and Lieut. Lawson, R.N.R., volunteered, with five of my men, to board her. He set out in a small boat, and disappeared under the lee of the 'Leopard,' never to be seen again. I believe that Lieut. Lawson himself boarded that ship, but his men were blown into the water. At that moment, almost simultaneously, the 'Leopard' fired a torpedo, which missed and we opened fire with three guns. We were lying broadside to the stern of the 'Leopard,' thus enabling three

of our four guns to be brought into action. We had one in the bows, one aft, and two amidships. The 'Achilles' was coming up fast, and opened fire on the 'Leopard' at a range officially stated to be 5,200 yards.

"We kept plugging away at the funnel base of the German ship, and seemed to be in some degree successful with this scheme, for the 'Leopard's' crew were quite disorganised, and the one broadside they let off at the 'Achilles' went wildly astray. All this time we had been lying and manoeuvring three or four boat-lengths to the stern of the 'Leopard.' It now became the 'Achilles' fight, and for twenty-five minutes there was a fierce duel before the 'Leopard' sank with all hands."

Captain Day was asked whether he was engaged in many more such encounters during the war. "Oh, yes," he replied, "but I don't want you to say anything about those. This 'Leopard' fight was just a matter of the crew of the 'Dundee' against the crew of the 'Leopard.' I don't come into it any more than that. Curiously enough, we picked up Lieut. Lawson's boat nearly three months later. It had been found by the 'Boreo,' which had taken it from the sea only thirty-six hours earlier, almost exactly on the spot where the action was fought. There was nothing in the boat except a full water-cask unbroached, which points to the theory that Lieut. Lawson and his men lost their lives instantaneously."

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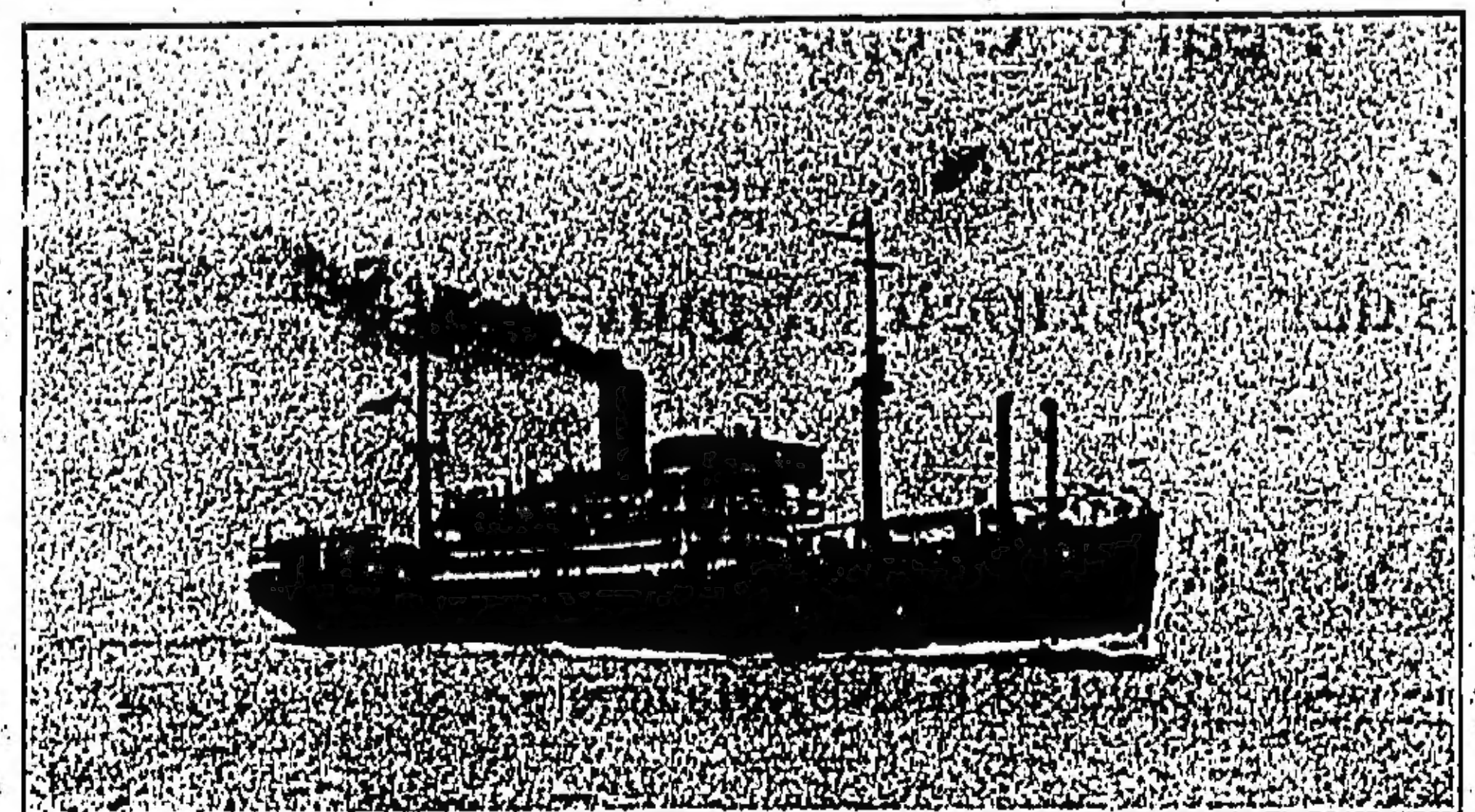
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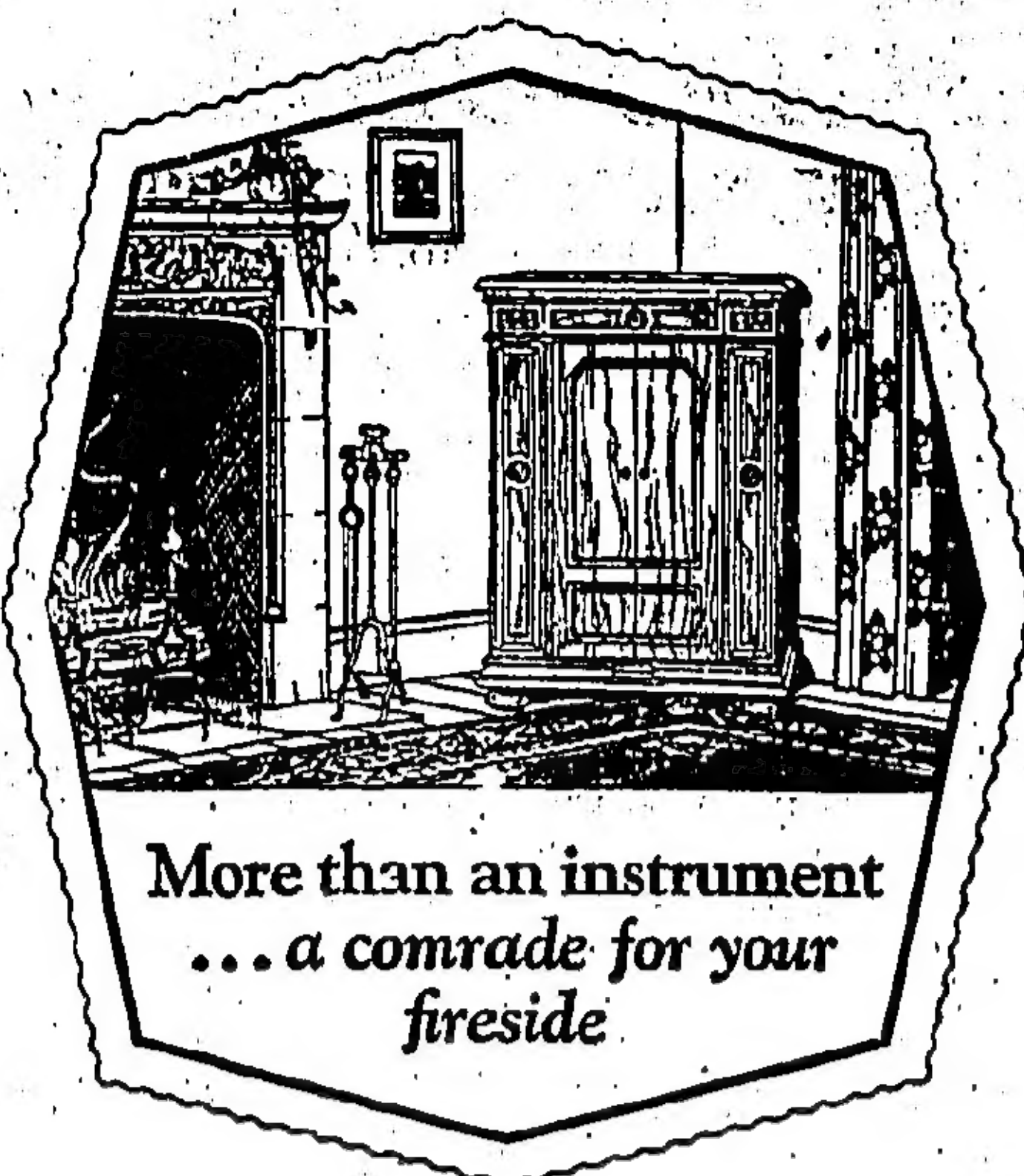
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### "LABOUR CHEERS."

When the Home Secretary, describing the raid on Arcos House, informed the House of Commons that the missing State document which led to the search being made had not been found, the statement, we are told, was greeted with "Labour cheers." Labour's jubilation was short-lived, however, for Sir William Joynson-Hicks promptly added that the police had seized certain papers which might bear upon the matter, and examination of these papers was proceeding, whereupon it was the Conserva- tives turn to cheer. Although it would have been more dignified to have remained silent, there is some small excuse for the Conser- vative cheers—after all it is only human to score a point in return—but there is no excuse at all for the Labour ebullition. Cheering in the circumstances was not merely the worst of manners: it was rank disloyalty to the Em- pire. The Government, in effect, had said that an important State document had been stolen; and those implicated had just managed to escape detection. What was there in that for cheering? The Labour Party if it can rejoice over the defeat of justice and the be- trayal of the country—for that is what its cheering implies—may as well declare itself at once the vassal of Moscow. Perhaps those who cheered in the House of Com- mons did not look at the matter in this light, merely letting them- selves go at the supposed discom- fiture of political opponent in the person of Sir William Joynson-

Hicks. That attitude, however, is scarcely less culpable than the other. The welfare of the Em- pire is not a matter for such miserable Party bickering. The Labour Party is long in coming to this view, and if we are to judge by its attitude towards events in China, there is still no sign of it rising above Party Politics. Even Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of His Majesty's Opposition, who was thought to be a states- man first and politician after- wards, has signally failed in this respect. Mr. MacDonald has not even succeeded in being consist- ent. When Sir Miles Lampson was appointed British Minister to Peking, Mr. MacDonald hailed the appointment with pleasure, declaring that the new Minister enjoyed the confidence of the La- bour Party as well as the Government, and if there was one man who could solve the Chinese problem that man was Sir Miles Lampson. Yet when the Nan- king outrages took place, Mr. MacDonald, "while of course not doubting the British officials on the spot," chose to accept Mr. Eugene Chen's version rather than Sir Miles Lampson's! Why did Mr. MacDonald take this atti- tude? Why does the Labour Party always jump to the conclu- sion that its countrymen must inevitably be in the wrong? The answer seems to be simply "Party Politics." For Mr. Ramsay Mac- donald as Prime Minister took action in a dispute with Mexico in a manner that was de- scribed at the time as recalling the foreign policy of Palmerston. Where is that courage, where that vigour now? Absorbed in the morass of Party Politics! Unless the Labour Party takes stock of its position, easy as it may think the overthrow of the Conservative Government at the next general election, it will find that it has frittered away its chances in "Party political intrigue. Therefore it would do well, the next time it has the impulse to make Party capital out of the country's betrayal, to refrain from cheering, for the echo of such ill-timed jubilation may come back to it as the death-knell of its political hopes.

Rosalie: "Have you chosen any of your bridesmaids yet?"  
May: "Yes, Fanny Lyon."  
Rosalie: "Why, I thought you hated her."  
May: "Well, you see, the brides- maids are to wear yellow, and you can imagine how that will go with Fanny's complexion!"

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### WILBUR PLAYERS.

"DO FOOLISH WIVES  
PAY"

A SPLENDID SHOW.

The Wilbur Players have no reason to be ashamed of the recep- tion accorded them at their initial performance at the Star Theatre, last night. The house was not only a capital one for a first night; it was a most appreciative one, and applause and encores were the order of the evening. It was a night of comedy, and everybody—players and audience—entered most thoroughly into the spirit of the piece. Indeed, at the close one regu- lar theatre-goer declared that it was the finest representation of comedy he had seen on a local stage for many a year.

"Do Foolish Wives Pay" is a delightful American comedy hit, containing 60 laughs a minute and the Wilbur Players provided a full evening of side-splitting entertain- ment. "Do Foolish Wives Pay" is a distinct farce comedy but unlike most plays of this class contains a well-founded plot and teaches an ex- cellent moral for those married people who like to frequent the bright lights district.

The leading comedy role was in the hands of N. Anthony Baker—the outstanding success of the whole performance—while Florence Priddy made the most of her oppor- tunity to display her ability in the part of the "trusting wife." Kneel- and Parker played a pleasing role and Florence Underhill as the wife that simply must "step out" did her bit toward making the play hundred per cent. entertainment.

The other important roles were assigned to Verna Mervarova, Richard Wilbur, Earle Rodman, Edgar Cartwright and Fove Lyndon.

"Do Foolish Wives Pay" will be played only to-night and will be followed to-morrow with "Cappy Ricks."

There will be a matinee on Saturday at 5 p.m. when "The Family Upstairs" will be produced.

### WOMAN'S DEATH.

#### EVIDENCE AT CORONER'S INQUEST.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a jury yesterday afternoon held an in- quest into the circumstances at- tending the death of a young Chinese woman who died in the Government Civil Hospital on April 22.

The deceased's husband was re- presented by Mr. H. J. Arm- strong, while Mr. M. K. Lo watch- ed the proceedings on behalf of the woman's father.

According to the husband, they had been married only as recently as December last, and had lived very amicably together. He brought deceased from Canton on March 20 and they lived at his father's house, No. 198, Queen's Road Central. Soon afterwards the deceased began to feel pains at her heart. On the morning of April 22 she felt more pain than usual, and a Chinese doctor was sent for. In the meantime the deceased's father had supplied her with some pills. The witness was sent for at 1 p.m., and going home found his wife was uncon- scious. Two Chinese doctors were present and they said she was suffering from poisoning. De- ceased was immediately removed to the hospital where she died at 5.30 p.m.

The witness stated in examina- tion that he did not know what the pills deceased's father gave to her were made of, neither could he say how many she took at one time. She had never complained to him about his parents, or men- tioned that his mother was re- ceiving the attention of a certain young man. No one had objected to her being taken to the hos- pital, or to a post mortem examina- tion being held.

At the conclusion of the hus- band's evidence Mr. Lindsell said he remembered that there had been some objection to the post mortem as the doctor had tele- phoned to him about it and he had ordered the examination to be held.

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### MODERN DRESS.

LADIES AT A HONG KONG  
DEBATE

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

For the first time since the institution of debates at St. Peter's Young Men's Club, lady members of the audience con- tributed to the debate last night when the motion before the house was "that fashions in modern dress are better than those of our grandparents."

The two ladies who spoke stout- ly upheld present day fashions among women, holding that they were more hygienic, more beau- tiful to the eye, allowed more free- dom and grace of movement and enabled modern women to take part in exercises from which they were debarred by the tyranny of the corset, the whalebone, and the limitations imposed on them by the ideas of the day in regard to modesty. It was suggested that the excessive covering in clothing was typical of a hypo- critical age.

The motion (for modern dress) was led by Mr. R. S. Jenyns and Mr. W. J. Howard and the opposi- tion by the Rev. W. R. Cannell and Mr. E. R. Price.

Trailing Skirts.

The movers of the motion re- ferred to the unhygienic trailing skirt, picking up germs which were later transferred to the drawing room. The modern dress was typical of the eman- cipation of woman and her greater freedom of outlook. If the human form was displayed in greater degree than in the days of our grandparents, was it not a sign of civilisation? Civilisa- tion should know no shame; it should be able to see and admire the human form in a proper and decent attitude of mind.

On the ground of economy, the modern dress, it was claimed, gave points to the old. A modern flapper could make four or five dresses out of one of the elabo- rate creations of our grandparents.

For the opposition, it was claimed that although in regard to bulk of material there certainly had been a greater economy, women were spending far more on dress than they did in the days of our grandparents. Fashions were constantly changing and women tried to keep pace with them. Materials were expensive and the cost of tailoring was high. A woman wore a dress but few times before discarding it.

The Victorian age, it was claimed, was an age of serious- ness and its clothes were indica- tive of that seriousness of an age which had produced more noble characters than any other and done more than any other for national reform. It was impos- sible in these days, as it was in the days of our grandparents, to respect a mother or grandmother whose sole aim appeared to be to vie with her daughter or granddaughter in the shortness of her skirts, her skill at the Charleston and her capacity for keeping late hours.

Bald But Bearded.  
The brimless hat of modern days, it was claimed, was no pro- tection from the sun but women wore it and suffered in con- sequence because it was "the fashion to do so." Modern medical opinion was against the tight fitting hat in that it would lead to baldness, and bobbing and shingling would lead to the growth of beards! The young women and prospective young husbands should take warning. High heels were responsible for thick ankles and present day garters led to varicose veins!

In spite of this dismal picture, the meeting decided by an over- whelming majority that present day fashions are better than those of our grandparents.

### PERSISTENT!

#### THREE YEARS FOR RETURNED DEPORTEE.

In sentencing to three years' imprisonment a Chinese found guilty of returning from banish- ment, Mr. F. Jacks, at to-day's Criminal Sessions, commented that he found from the records that the accused had been deport- ed four times before.

The teacher asked little Ruth what her father's name was. "Daddy," she answered. "Yes, dear," said the teacher; "but what does your mother call him?" "She don't call him nuthin'." Ruth answered, earnestly. "She likes him."

ness said his daughter had com- menced to talk about her mother- in-law's behaviour with a certain young man. The inquiry was adjourned until this afternoon.

### ALLEGED BRIBERY.

NOTES PROFFERED TO  
INSPECTOR

CHINESE WOMAN CHARGED.

A Chinese woman, Chan Kam, was charged at the Criminal Ses- sions this morning with offering a bribe to Sub-Insp. Chevalier, the occasion being the detention of the accused on a charge of keeping an unlicensed house at Yau-mat.

Whilst being taken to the Police station, it was alleged against the woman that she proffered two crumpled notes to the Police officer and said something in Chinese, a Chinese constable being present at the time and hearing what was said.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown.

The case is proceeding.

### YUNNAN OUTRAGE.

MRS. SLICHTER ARRIVES IN  
HONG KONG.

HUSBAND AND CHILD MURDERED.

With the arrival in the Colony of Mrs. M. Slichter, further de- tails are to hand of the terrible tragedy in Yunnan when Mr. Slichter, a Canadian missionary, and his little daughter, aged three, were brutally murdered by bandits, as reported at the time in the "China Mail."

Mr. and Mrs. Slichter, the little daughter, their son, aged six, and another missionary, Miss Craig, were on their way from Anshun, in Kweichow, across Yunnan Province to Yunnan-fu where they intended to proceed to Hanoi and Haiphong and em- bark, for Chefoo, the journey being undertaken with a view to putting their young son to school in the missionary school at Chefoo.

The missionaries were accom- panied by servants and an escort of soldiers, which escort was in- creased by the local magistrate at Lo Ping, owing to the strength of the bandits in the locality who had been giving a great deal of trouble.

Terrible Butchery.

It was shortly after leaving Lo Ping that the military escort was attacked in the rear by a bandit gang of superior strength and driven away. The little party of foreigners took shelter in a hollow whilst the fighting pro- ceeded, and it was here that they were found by the bandits when the soldiers were driven off.

Mr. Slichter was stabbed to death with bayonets from the rim of the hollow, bandits sud- denly appearing above him and carrying on their ghastly work in full view of the distracted wife who was lying on the other side of the hollow. Mrs. Slichter was then fired at and the bullet passed through the body of the baby daughter she held in her arms.

The two ladies and the boy were spared after considerable dispute between the bandits, some being in favour of killing them outright and attempting to do it. They were dissuaded by others who were in favour of holding the captives to ransom.

The latter course was adopted and the captives were taken to the bandit base where, as a re- sult of the pleading of Mrs. Slichter, a coffin was brought to her and she was allowed to place in it the bodies of her husband and little daughter.

Fearing pursuit, however, the bandits left their base before Mrs. Slichter had been able to superintend the interment of the bodies, the captives being taken to the hills where the bandit band was eventually overtaken by troops from Sze Chung.

The Ladies Released.

After preliminary skirmishes, the officer in charge of the soldiers, named Chang, sent a message that he knew where the near and far relations of Chau, the bandit chief, lived and unless the captives were handed over they would be exterminated. The promise was also held out that if the demands were complied with, Chang would allow the re- turn to his army of men who had deserted and joined the bandits.

The captives were then handed over and the ladies and boy were sent to Sze Chung under escort, the bulk of the troops remaining near the bandits. What sub- sequently happened, Mrs. Slichter is not aware of, but she had been told by Chang before leaving that his promise regarding the soldier deserters was only to speed the release of the captives and that it was his intention when they were handed over to exterminate the bandits.

Mrs. Slichter, who is staying with friends in Hong Kong, in- tends resting here for a while and then completing the journey which her husband had intended, placing the boy in the school at Chefoo.



**"PARTLY TRUE."**

CHEQUE CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN.

BEFORE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The case was adjourned until Monday at the Criminal Sessions this morning, in which an Anglo-Indian, J.M. Bailey, is charged with the larceny of two Mercantile Bank of India forms, the property of Mr. E. R. Dovey; and with the forged signature and presentation for payment with the intent to defraud Mr. Dovey or the Bank of \$980 or the equivalent of \$99.10s.

The accused had pleaded guilty to the first charge when it was read to him this morning but said, with regard to the second, that it was "only partly true."

This was taken as a plea of "not guilty."

**BOY THIEF.**

DESIGNS IN MOTOR CAR TOOLS.

CAUGHT IN TIME.

A 13-year old Chinese boy was charged before Major Willson this morning with attempting to steal a bag of tools from the motor cycle of Revenue Officer Grimmer.

Mr. Grimmer said that he parked his motor cycle outside the Star Ferry wharf at 6.45 p.m., and went on the wharf to meet the ferry. He had been on the wharf about a minute when a deaf and dumb boy, who acted as caretaker of the witness's machine, rushed up and pointed in the direction of the motor cycle. Looking over the railing, Mr. Grimmer saw the accused leaving over the seat. Witness worked his way round to the rear of the machine and seized the accused, who had just succeeded in working loose the tool bag strap. A few seconds more and he would have got away with the bag. The bag was examined by Mr. Grimmer and the contents found intact.

Accused was ordered to receive 12 strokes with a rattan.

**GAMBLERS ALL!**

SEVENTEEN CHINESE PAY A FINE.

WHAT WAS THE GAME?

Seventeen Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with playing "pai kau" at No. 7, Burrows Street, Wanchai. The accused pleaded that they were only playing the harmless game of "Hakka pai." The interpreter said that the proper name of this game was "luk fu." Asked for his opinion, Sergeant McTiernan said he thought the game was "ngau pai."

After a Chinese detective had given a description of the game as he saw it played, Mr. Lindsell said he believed the game was "ngau pai."

Accused were fined \$3 each, and \$4 found on the gambling table was confiscated.

**FORTY PIGS.**

STOLEN PROPERTY CHARGE DEFENCE.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo yesterday opened the defence in the case in which three Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with receiving stolen property, namely 40 pigs which were alleged by Mr. A. E. Hall, for the prosecution, to have formed part of the booty of a junk piracy outside the waters of the Colony on April 19.

Originally eight men were placed in the dock, but five were discharged, on the ground of insufficient evidence, at the previous hearing. Only three or four of the pigs were definitely identified by witnesses for the prosecution.

According to Mr. Lo, first accused was a farmer in Hoiung and he had collected the pigs in three lots from different places. They were brought to accused's junk. The pigs were intended to be sold in the Colony. Second accused instead of receiving a fixed sum for transporting the animals was to get three-tenths of the profit of the sale. After landing in Hong Kong, the pigs were kept in third accused's godown at Shamshuipo where a detective came and after questioning the ownership of the pigs, arrested the men.

A further adjournment was made until Tuesday next.

A man in the public gallery at the courts said to his neighbour: "That last prisoner put up a very good fight, didn't he?"

"No wonder," replied the second. "He's got the courage of his twenty-one convictions."

**NO DUTY PAID.**

CHINESE STOREKEEPER FINED \$500.

TELL-TALE BOTTLES.

Sitting in the District Office, Post Office Building, Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones had before him yesterday the master of the Hang Chun wine and spirit shop, No. 37, Tsinwan, New Territories, charged with the illegal possession of 162 gallons of dutiable Chinese wine.

The seizure was made by Chief Preventive Officer Clark who acting on information received, went to Laichikok where on the road, about a mile from the prison, he stopped a Chinese woman carrying two baskets containing wine gallon bottles of Chinese wine. She took the C.P.O. to accused's shop where she said she had bought the wine. Here a search was made and the wine forming the subject of the charge was brought to light.

After it had been proved by the account books that duty had not been paid on the wine, his Worship imposed a fine of \$500.

**"MODERN RAFFLES?"**

MAN WITH JEMMY AND PUNCHES.

GODOWN DISCOVERY.

There was a sequel at the Criminal Sessions this morning to the vigilance of an Indian watchman at godowns at On Lan Street, who, hearing a noise inside, made an investigation and discovered from the outside that an entrance had been effected.

Finding that he was discovered, the nocturnal visitor, after making an attempt at escape which was thwarted by an iron gate, barred the door from the inside but the watchman got into touch with the Police who, on their arrival, broke down the door and found inside a modern Chinese "raffles" with jenny in hand, punches in his pocket, tools scattered around and articles placed ready for removal.

Conducting a search, the Police found \$172 in the possession of the arrested man, \$7 of which he claimed as his own property.

Charged at the Police Station, the man pleaded that the Magistrate should deal leniently with him.

Later, he denied that he had a jenny in his hand when arrested and said that he was stunned by the rough treatment he had received on arrest.

This morning, at the Criminal Sessions, he pleaded not guilty. The case is proceeding.

**PEER SELLS LAND.**

SALE SAID TO BE DUE TO HEAVY TAXATION.

Owing, it is claimed, to heavy death duties and to present-day taxation, 3,000 acres of land owned by Lord Ravensworth are to be sold.

The portion of his estate selected runs into the Cheviot range to the east of the picturesque and historic village of Whittingham, Northumberland.

It includes about a dozen fair sized farms, and 30 or 40 houses.

The river Aln runs through the estate. On one side is the vicarage, church, schools, and a memorial hall, on the other the post office, police and courthouse, general stores, and the Castle Inn. Tenants will have an opportunity of buying their holdings before the property is offered to the public.

**"UNLUCKY" 13 TO GO.**

The London and North-Eastern Railway is abolishing the number 13 on its sleeping cars to suit the whim of nervous travellers.

Every 13 is to be painted out forthwith and 14 substituted, an A being added to the number of the berth on the long Scottish express trains may not be further broken. An official said recently:

Railway travellers are superstitious. We have found that quite a large section of the public dislikes the number. Travellers have arrived to catch the Scottish express and, finding that berth No. 13 has been reserved for them, have refused to occupy it.

In many hotels, and in some of the great liners, the number 13 disappeared long ago, 12a being substituted in some cases. On the other hand, the demand for the so-called "unlucky" number, or multiples of it, has exceeded the available supply in some recent club sweepstakes.

The burglar had just been sentenced, when he asked: "You Worship, couldn't I start serving my sentence in three months' time?"

"Why?" asked the magistrate. "Well, you see, your Worship, replied the burglar, "it would mean such a heavy loss to me just now. It is the height of our season."

**"IMPROPER MODELS."**

MORALITY THREAT TO AN ART SCHOOL.

VEIL FOR VENUS DECREE.

The zeal with which the Hungarian police are enforcing in Budapest the "New Morality Decree" issued last month by the Hungarian Minister of the Interior is having amusing results. The peasant class (from which the police are largely drawn) is not inclined to make fine distinctions, and having been instructed to see that all representations of the female form are decently clad, the officials are not sparing classical art.

A publishing firm was astonished to learn from a police official that the new decree had been infringed by the appearance of the Venus of Milo on the title-page of one of their art publications. They were ordered to withdraw the book and a summons was issued against them.

Another firm was ordered to withdraw the biography of Rubens because the wrapper had a picture of Venus and Adonis. Barbers have been ordered to clothe decently the busts of females in their windows which show various styles of hairdressing.

Film Rules. The decree demands not only a new standard of morality, but seeks to support the authority of the State in political matters. The title of a film, "The Daughter of the Czar," has come under the ban, and has had to be changed to "The Princess." All picture houses have been instructed to omit, from their presentation of the film, anything likely to hurt the feelings of Hungarian Monarchists.

Swearing is also punishable under the new decree, and some papers have complained that the prohibition may result in violence, as a "good round oath" is the treasure safety-valve of the fiery Hungarian temperament.

The Rector of the College of Sculpture protests against the new morality decree of the Minister of the Interior. He fears that the police will insist on all statues of females in the art schools being draped, as most of the students are under twenty-one.

An interpellation tabled in Parliament points out that in Budapest it is a common thing for whole families to inhabit one room, and that tens of thousands of peasant families in the country live in one-roomed huts. It is suggested that this state of affairs involves more danger to public morals than the sight of the Venus of Milo or an undraped hairdresser's bust.

**WOMAN AS TELLER.**

MRS. H. PHILIPSON MAKES HISTORY.

Mrs. Hilton Philipson (formerly Miss Mabel Russell, the actress) made history in the House of Commons during mail week when, for the first time, a woman M.P. acted as principal teller in a division.

She read out to the House the result of the important division on the Blasphemous Teaching Bill, and she was warmly congratulated alike by her Conservative friends, including Ministers, and by her opponents, on her distinction.

Mrs. Philipson seemed a little nervous as she advanced to the Table and "lined up" with her three men colleagues. Her "eyes" were successful, and so it fell to her lot to declare the result of the division.

The three bows which have to be made to the Speaker when he calls for silence were performed by Mrs. Philipson's "squad" perfectly. The temporary chief Whip's voice rang out clearly as she read the figures, and she was loudly cheered.

"As I was teller for the 'ayes,' I had to do the counting," said Mrs. Philipson afterwards. "They kept coming through, and as the number for the Bill grew and grew I became so excited that I almost forgot to count. I had the total all right, however. On the whole, it was a lovely experience."

Mrs. Philipson has been M.P. for Berwick-on-Tweed since June 1923.

Another reason why we hate to have a photograph taken is because it makes us look like we were having a photograph taken.

The American heiress had just returned from her first trip to Europe.

At dinner her neighbour inquired: "Did you see many picturesque old ruins during your trip to the Continent?"

"Yes," she replied. "And six of them proposed to me."

**FUTURE CITIES.**

AMAZING VISION MADE INTO A FILM.

MANKIND AND MONSTERS.

[A nightmare city throbbing with the roar of countless mechanical monsters, where men are the slaves and machines the masters, where television is as common as wireless, and thoughts are valued in numbers, where skyscrapers tower to the clouds, and where, finally, the slaves rise in revolt to overthrow the hated machines.]

This is the fantastic vision of the world of the future presented by "Metropolis," an amazing German film, which was to be released for exhibition in London in mail week.

Behind the weird story of the great Armageddon between mankind and the monsters, he has created the romance of a young woman who conceived the nightmare plot in a dream and was impelled by some strange force over which she had no control to set it down on paper.

She is Thea von Harbou, the wife of Fritz Lang, the famous German producer. The idea came in an extraordinary vivid vision of a mammoth city controlled by machines endowed with super-human intelligence.

Millions of men teemed along the giant avenues—all slaves, all doing the bidding of the machine-gods.

The Brain Centre. Everything in this nightmare metropolis, was mechanical. In the very heart of it all, in a mighty tower full of delicate instruments, was the brain centre of the city, the humming hive of mechanism that had overthrown its creators and become something more than human.

For over a year Frau von Harbou scarcely slept, so obsessed was she by the strange force which impelled her to write the story of her vision. Worn out by the strain, advised by doctors to take a rest, she found herself physically and mentally incapable of giving up her task.

"I have been given a warning to humanity," she said. "I must go on."

At last her task was completed, and now her husband has made a marvellous film of her book.

Two years have gone to its making. No fewer than 4,800 performers appear, including 1,000 completely bald men, 100 negroes, 11,000 women, and 750 children. In wages alone the production has cost over £80,000.

Endless Stream. "Metropolis"—the machine city of the future—is a terrifying spectacle. Everything is controlled from the central tower—the new "Tower of Babel," as it is known—where at a marvellously complicated switch-board presides the man who has made himself Master of the Metropolis.

A gentle pressure with his fingers on a sensitive blue metal plate, and he alters the destiny of the world. Another pressure and a great siren roars through the city calling the machine slaves to work.

The living food came pushing along in masses. Along the street it came, along its own street, which never crossed with other people's streets. It rolled on, a broad, an endless stream.

The stream was twelve files deep. They walked in even step. Men, men, men—all in the same uniform, from throat to ankle in dark blue linen, bare feet in the same hard shoes, hair tightly pressed down by the same black caps.

"And they all had the same faces. And they all seemed one thousand years old. They walked with hanging fists, they walked with hanging heads. The open gates of the New Tower of Babel, the machine centre of Metropolis, threw the masses up as it gulped them down."

**City of Automations.**

In ten hours the Master would let the machine brute roar anew. And again in another ten hours, always the same, without ever loosening the ten-hour clamp.

Metropolis is a city of automations, of men who glide past like swimming shadows and whose eyes stand open as though they never closed them. The great multi-streets set one above the other team with them. They pack the giant elevators which shoot up and down with the speed of express trains, but not one stands out from his fellows.

All are slaves of the machines, lacking individuality, lacking enterprise, bound body and soul to the gods of steel they are compelled to serve.

Machines do everything; one even utters paternosters for the prosperity of the city.

In the middle of the room crouched the paternoster machine. It shone with oil. It had gleaming limbs. Under the crouching body and the head which was

sunken on the chest, crooked legs rested, gnome-like, upon the platform. The trunks and legs were motionless. But the short arms pushed and pushed and pushed, alternately forwards, backwards, forwards.

**The Revolt.**

Ironically enough the ultimate salvation of Metropolis lies in a machine—an automatic woman invented by a half-crazy scientist.

"This being had no face. The beautiful curve of the neck bore a lump of carelessly-shaped mass. The skull was bald, nose, lips, temples merely traced. Eyes, as though painted on closed lids, stared unseeing, with an expression of calm madness. . . ."

"Give me a face soon," it asks with horrible tenderness. This robot-woman and a girl lead the multitude of machine slaves in a rebellion to overthrow the dynasty of iron and steel.

"We have passed sentence upon the machines," they cry. "We have condemned the machines to death—to hell with them!"

**20-YEARS-Younger Faces.**

Dr. Raymond Passot, the Paris surgeon who claims to be able to make old faces young, wrinkled and scarred faces smooth and to reduce inartistic features to an approved classical appearance, is in London; he lectures on his art at the French Institute, Cromwell Gardens, S.W.

He showed a press representative a number of photographs illustrating the transformations which he has brought about in the faces of his patients.

A woman of 73 looks now a sprightly dame of 50; a man of 60 does not look a minute over 40; while unduly protruding ears on younger people have been converted into the attractive close-to-the-head variety, and double chins have been made single, with a charming contour.

"Patients are put under an anaesthetic," said Dr. Passot, "and afterwards are able to go home at once. Only one operation is necessary. The face or feature will remain in its new condition for a long time—probably some years."

Most of Dr. Passot's patients are, of course, women. He said their ages were, generally speaking, between 35 and 50.

His plastic surgery has been officially recognised by the French medical societies.

**Shadows Before.**

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 18—Queen's Theatre; "The Auction Block."

May 18—Star Theatre; Second performance of the Wilbur Players, 9.15 p.m. "Tracked in the Snow Country," 4.15 p.m.

May 18—World Theatre; "The Ice Flood."

May 18—Ten Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.; exhibition dancing, 8.30 p.m.

May 18—Isaacs's European Circus, Hungnam, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 20—H.K.V.D.C.'s dance at Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

May 19—Smoking concert for member of East Asia Club, premises, 9 p.m.

May 26—Matinee performance by the "Squeakettes," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

**Sports.**

May 18—Postponed Exhibition Tennis Match in aid of M.C.L., 4 p.m.

May 18—Basketball: University v. Wah Yan Old Boys, Chinese Y.M.C.A. playground, 4.30 p.m.

May 25—Race for Brown Rowing Cup, starting from Channel Rocks, 5.15 p.m.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club hold function in aid of Hospital Comforts Fund.

May 28-29—Second extra Race Meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.

**Auctions.**

May 21, 22—Ladies' dress wear, and sundries, Messrs. Lammet Bros. Sales Room, 10.30 a.m.

May 23—Household furniture, 4, Armand Edges, Kowloon, by Messrs. Lammet Bros., 2.45 p.m.

**Meetings.**

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., Prince's Bldg., 4 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

**Miscellaneous.**

May 18—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

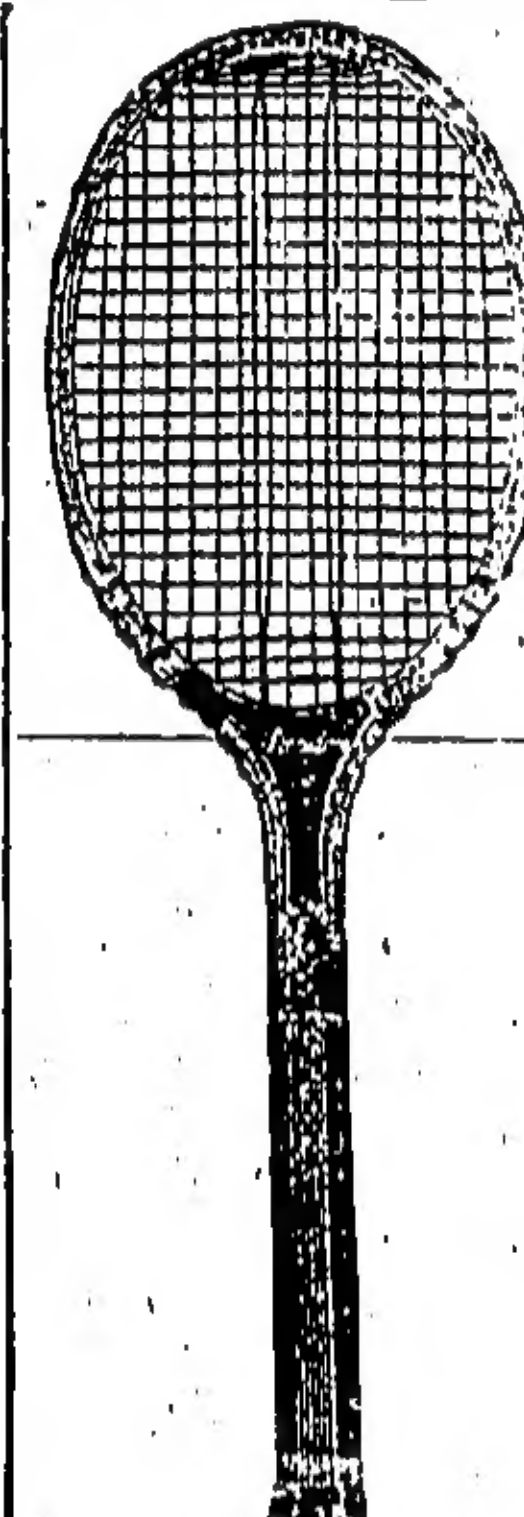
May 27—Kowloon Chess Club regular match: Kowloon v. H.M.E. "Hermes," 8 p.m.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Hong Kong Dance Club's next dance will take place at Lane, Crawford's restaurant on Friday, May 20, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. William Kemp, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, has celebrated his 105th birthday. He remembers the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837.

Mr. L. G. Husar, former U.S. District Attorney at Shanghai has left for America on the "Empress of Asia," where he will remain pending his appeal.

According to a Reuter cable from New York, Rembrandt's "Visitation of Saint Elizabeth" has been bought by the Detroit Museum of Arts for \$150,000.

Four cases of enteric fever two in the Victoria district and two in Kowloon, were notified yesterday, also one case of small pox in Victoria district. All five cases were Chinese.

The "Canton Gazette" reports that a Naval Academy will be organized at Canton, and a building behind the Cement Factory at Honan has been selected for the Academy. The enrolment of students has begun. "A hundred students will be admitted as cadets after a searching entrance examination."

There was no business of public interest at the meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday. Those present were Mr. N. L. Smith (chairman), Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. H. T. Jackman (acting D.P.W.), Dr. G. W. Pope, (M.O.H.) and Mr. D. Davies, (secretary).

The Admiralty have now allocated names to the Naval vessels of the 1926 programme ordered recently. The cruiser which is being built at Portsmouth Dockyard and engine by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Birkenhead, will be the "Dorsetshire," the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company's similar vessel will be the "Norfolk," and Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Company's the "York." Messrs. Vickers' submarine depot ship will be the "Medway" and their repair ship the "Resource."

Jaipur (India) police have captured eight more dangerous dacoits, making a total of 65. There were several severe fights and much shooting, with slight casualties among the police.

The "Daily News" says it is rumoured that Senator Marconi has arranged a midnight surprise at the Italian ball at the Savoy Hotel, when a speech made by Signor Mussolini in Rome on the occasion of the 3000th anniversary of the foundation of the city will be relayed to the ballroom.

There has come to notice, says a Shanghai paper, an instance of a postal official in a certain outport boarding a steamer which was carrying mails to Shanghai and presenting to the Chief Officer a letter addressed to another postal official in Shanghai, with a polite request that, if possible, he would deliver it personally, "as it is important!"

The trouble in China looks like bringing a little grist to the mill of the South Wales coal trade, said a Home paper in mail week. It is reported that a 6,000 to 7,000-ton steamer has been fixed to Hong Kong or Wei-hai-wei at 27s. a ton, on Admiralty terms, April loading. This is unmistakably a cargo of best Welsh coal going out to China for the use of our Fleet there. It may not be the only one of its kind, if the trouble lasts.

A recent discovery of scientific interest and importance is said to have an added value from the economic point of view, writes the Liverpool correspondent of a London paper. Indeed, if I am to believe what I am informed are the possibilities of the substitution of helium for nitrogen in diving bells, there is no earthly reason why those old Spanish galleons, with their loads of gold and silver and precious stones, should not be secured from the bed of the sea at Vigo and elsewhere. It seems there are some distinct disadvantages about nitrogen, which, it is believed, are non-existent in the case of helium, and now it is a matter of experiment to ascertain to what extent the latter will be useful and practical.

The first English coin issued under the name of "penny" probably dates back to the reign of Offa, a king of part of England in the eighth century. One of these coins was sold a few years ago for £275. Metal itself as a means of exchange, however, has been known for nearly 4,000 years.

Insistent rumours, apparently originating from Russia, to the effect that Great Britain has started to enlist Finnish volunteers for operations against Russia and China, have caused the British Legation at Helsinki to issue a denial. A great number of applications have, however, been received at British Consulates in Finland from persons desiring to enlist in the British forces.

## \* THEOSOPHY \*

"Reflections of Life" will be the subject of this Week's Public Lecture of The Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, May 19th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer: Mr. H. E. Lanepart. The Public is cordially invited to attend. Theosophical Books for sale. Good Library. Inquiries Monday, Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., all other days from 7 to 8 p.m.

A Mosquito—British type—was indiscreet enough to bite a British Vice-Admiral (retired) in the County of Surrey recently and immediately there was the very devil to pay. For British Vice-Admirals, whether retired or on the active list, may not be bitten with impunity by anybody of the human, animal or insect world. The gallant sailor brought an action against the mosquito through the Surrey County Council whose road making causing swamps he held to be responsible for inviting the mosquitoes. Leading lawyers are puzzled over the suit and nobody envies the Lord Chief Justice in his efforts to do justice to the Vice-Admiral's feeling and the natural desire of the Surrey County Council to build a needed road. New York mosquitoes would be electrocuted for a thing like that.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A well-known publisher, Mr. Alexander Gardner, Paisley, died at his residence, Dunrod, Castlehead, in his 82nd year.

The "Bangkok Gazette" announces that the King of Siam was pleased to confer the second-class of the Crown of Siam on Mr. A. H. Duke, formerly Adviser in Perlis, on the occasion of his leaving the Government service.

Mr. P. J. Mandell has returned to Malacca from his health trip to Hong Kong. In Mr. Mandell's resignation on medical grounds from the District Scout Master-ship, says a Malay paper, the local Scouts have suffered a great loss.

A supplement to the F.M.S. "Government Gazette" notifies that the Hon'ble Mr. W. Peel, C.M.G., Chief Secretary to Government, has been appointed to administer the Government of the Straits Settlements and to be High Commissioner for the Malay States, with effect from May 6, inclusive.

Mr. Robert Charles McCleery, a well-known theatre artist, died at his home in Southill Park, Hampstead. He started with Hawes Craven, and they together painted practically all the scenery for the late Sir Henry Irving. He was at Drury Lane Theatre during the time of Sir Augustus Harris and Mr. Arthur Collins.

The Rajah of Sarawak was a passenger on the P. & O. "Malwa" when it arrived at Penang. The Rajah of Sarawak who is the younger daughter of Lord and Lady Esher, is reported by the latest Home mail as being engaged upon a new play and a novel and is a writer of many years standing under the name of Sylvia Brett.

Admirer's of P. G. Wodehouse's amusing stories will be interested to learn that this outstanding British author is having one of his best stories, "The Small Bachelor," filmed by Universal. Wm. A. Seiter, an experienced producer, is directing the filming of the Wodehouse story. The leading role will be played by Andre Beranger and opposite him will be Barbara Kent, the winner of a beauty competition. Otis Harlan, Gertrude Astor, Carmelita Geraghty, Tom Duggan, and Vera Lewis are included in the cast.

Gilbert Swain, the Welsh footballer, was killed by a motor cycle at Llandinam, Montgomeryshire. He was rounding a blind corner when the machine ran over him, fracturing his skull.

Sir Stanley Reed, formerly editor of the "Times of India," states that there is no foundation in the report that he is going to edit a new paper in Delhi, financed by the Indian Princes, or control a publicity organisation on their behalf in London.

Washington, May 17.—President Coolidge is in bed with a slight cold.



at the White House. His physician states that his pulse and temperature are normal.—Reuter's American Service.

There were four entertainments for Service men yesterday, the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. being responsible for three of them, concerts taking place at the Hong Kong and Kowloon depots and a whist drive at the City Hall. At the Seamen's Institute, Miss V. Capell and her popular "J-Pans" entertained a large number of Service men. Among those who contributed to the Chater Road depot concert (arranged by Mrs. Costen) were: Mrs. Richard Sanger, Mr. T. J. Patterson, Mrs. Head, Mr. G. W. C. Barnett, Mr. W. N. Fleming, Miss James and Dr. and Mrs. McCandless. The "J-Pans" (at the Seamen's Institute) comprised: V. Capell, M. Gittins, A. Steel, E. Rose, I. Berry, P. Capell, P. Gittins, E. Woolley, R. Wong, N. Kelly, C. D. Lake, A. W. Ramsey, G. Bond, I. Schlerhorst, F. P. Lanfeste, G. Arnold, D. Kelly, and R. Woolley.

Fred Morgan, the artist, famous for his studies of happy children, has died at Broadstairs, aged 79 years. The son of John Morgan, an artist known as "Jury Morgan," his first picture, the "Rehearsal," was exhibited at the Royal Academy when he was 16.

"I see in to-day's issue of your paper two articles, one about woman's chronic unpunctuality, the other quoting the fact that she lives, on an average, longer than a man," writes Mr. William Platt in the "Westminster Gazette." "It occurs to me that perhaps the reason that she lives longer is due to the fact that she is too unpunctual even to die at the right time."

Passengers sailing from Hong Kong by the "President Lincoln" to-day included:—Mr. Adolf Gutzwiller, with his wife and two children, bound for Curacao, South America. Mr. Gutzwiller being connected with the Asiatic Petroleum Co.; Mr. Lam Chik-ho, a student of the Lingnam University, Canton who is going to the United States to further his studies, having joined the Mass. Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.; Mr. Moy Hun-shew, a prominent Chinese Merchant in Chicago, returning with his wife and child, after a trip to China; Mr. Lawrence Todnem, a missionary worker in North China returning to the States on furlough; Mrs. Margaret Wong, wife of a prominent Chinese business man in Cleveland, Ohio, returning to visit her people; Mr. P. V. Guest, representing the U.S. Rubber Export Co., Ltd., returning to Shanghai after a business trip to the South; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goldin, theatrical performers of repute, the former better known as "Raffles," travelling to Shanghai; Mr. A. M. Muir, connected with Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., going to Shanghai; Mr. Loy Chang, Manager of the Bank of China, Hong Kong, making a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. J. F. Purcell, a well-known business man in the States, accompanied by his wife, booked through to Seattle, but making a stopover at Shanghai and Ft. L. Hollinghurst and Wing Comdr. Barrett, British Army Officers going to Shanghai.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## HOME CRICKET.

## Results in County Championship.

## NEW ZEALAND DEFEATED.

London, May 17.

Sussex easily defeated Worcester at Brighton to-day by an innings and 74 runs. Worcester won the toss and batting first were all out for 141, Bowley's leg breaks securing 5 wickets for 35. Sussex replied with the big score of 440, the top scorers being "Tommy" Cook, the well-known Brighton and Hove Albion centre forward, who made 81, and Coraforde, the Sussex wicket keeper, who contributed 65. Root bowled with his accustomed steadiness and persistence, taking 6 wickets for 135.

Worcester did better in their second venture, making 225, of which that very useful player Tarbox made 52. Maurice Tate took 5 wickets for 52 and Wensley 5 for 85. Wensley, a youngster who showed great promise in 1925, taking over 100 wickets and scoring over 1,000 runs was last year out of county cricket most of the season owing to an injured arm. All followers of the game will be glad to hear that this youngster is again in form.

The scores were—  
Worcester: 141 and 225.  
Sussex: 404.

Essex v. New Zealand.

Essex found the New Zealand team a comparatively light handful, disposing of them at the end of three days' play by five wickets.

Early appearances favoured the chances of the visitors holding their own, for they faced the bowling first and ran up a total of 280, the features of which were scores of 64 and 61, respectively by Mills and Lowry.

O'Connor, who bore the brunt of the attack last session with Nichols and Hipkin, was very successful with the ball, taking half the wickets in the first two days.

Essex replied with a score of 373, O'Connor again coming into the limelight with 65, whilst Russell, who takes a benefit this season, made 76, Nichols (the son of a Wiltshire farmer) 61, and Hubert Ashton 52.

McGirr was the only successful bowler for the visitors, taking six wickets for 77 runs.

New Zealand's second venture at the wickets was not so good as the first, thanks to deadly bowling by Eastman and O'Connor. The whole side was disposed of 208, which was retrieved by a well-played 79 by Dempster.

The wickets were shared exactly by Eastman and O'Connor, the former capturing five for 31 runs and O'Connor five for 92.

Essex were thus left with the easy task of scoring only 124 to tie, and they passed this score total by exactly one run after only five wickets had fallen.

The latter part of the match, as was to be expected, was colourless and calls for no special comment.

Derbyshire v. Lancashire.

Playing at Ilkerton, Derbyshire surprised last season's champions by winning first innings points, thus proving that last week's win over Kent was no fluke.

Derbyshire had first lease of the wicket, but their score of only 209 did not flatter against such renowned opponents. G. R. Jackson, the old Harrovian and captain of the side, made 52. Thus the other ten players contributed only 157 between them.

As events proved, Lancashire fared even worse on going to the wicket, their total falling exactly nine below that of the ground team. Hallows was the only one to stand up to the bowling, contributing 87 out of the 200 runs.

Worse, however, was still to come as regards batting displays, for on going to the wicket a second time Derbyshire could score only 95—a poor showing indeed for first class cricket.

For this result Richard Tyldesley was mainly responsible, as he captured half the wickets for the loss of only 31 runs.

The visitors' wickets also crumpled up rapidly, for they secured a total of only 68 for seven wickets at the close of play. Townsend, however, was deadly with the ball, taking five wickets for only 29 runs.

Warwickshire v. Nottingham.

After losing to Essex in the initial match of the season Nottingham secured their third successive win at Birmingham against Warwickshire, their two previous victories being against Sussex and Worcestershire. In their latest match they won first innings points in an uncompleted game.

Notts went to the wicket first and compiled the respectable total of 385 runs, towards which Payton, who topped the batting averages for his side last season, was instrumental in securing a century—148. Other useful contributions were made by A. Staples (60) and Gunn (53).

Warwickshire could not stand up against the visitors' bowling, their first innings effort producing only 167 runs.

Following on Warwickshire's shaped rather better, scoring 190 for five wickets. Towards this Smith, the wicket-keeper, ran up a score of 101, not out.

Leicestershire v. Glamorgan.

Playing on their own ground at Leicester, a second win for the season, although on first innings points in an uncompleted game, was secured by Leicestershire who were pitted against Glamorgan-shire.

The home team had first lease of the wicket and scored 258, toward which Astill, the leading batsman of the side, scored 58 runs.

Glamorgan replied with 167 runs, the only batsman to distinguish himself being Walter with 57.

In their second venture Leicestershire ran up a total of 80 without losing a single wicket, when they declared. Of this total Berry scored 50.

Glamorgan next went in a second time and had scored 46 runs for the loss of one wicket, when stumps were finally drawn.

Somerset v. Surrey.

Playing at Taunton, Surrey gained first innings points against Somerset in an uncompleted match.

A splendid display of batting was witnessed when Surrey went to the wicket, Hobbs, Sandham, Shepherd, and Ducat all being at the top of their form. So well did they play that Surrey was able to declare when the score had reached 466 for the loss of only four wickets. Hobbs contributed 68, Sandham 148, Shepherd, 134, and Ducat 73 not out.

Somerset could respond with only 118, thanks to forceful bowling by Penley, who took six wickets for the loss of 40 runs.

Following on, Somerset made a slightly better showing, their total being 226, of which Case made 59.

Yorks v. Gloucester.

Dewsbury was the venue of the meeting of these teams, which resulted in an easy win for Yorkshire by an innings and two runs.

The home team batted first and amassed a total of 318 runs before being dismissed. Oldroyd was prominent with a century (110) and Macaulay was not far behind with 76.

Gloucestershire on going in, scored only 134 runs, their speedy downfall being brought about largely through the deadly bowling of R. Rhodes, who captured six wickets for the loss of only 20 runs.

Following on, the visitors were not much better than in their first venture, their total being only 182. The only batsman to make a stand was Dipper, who was credited with 82 runs.

Macaulay did the damage this time, taking five wickets for 33 runs.

Middlesex v. Hampshire.

At Lord's Middlesex had an easy win over Hampshire by 146 runs.

The ground eleven had first lease of the wicket, and so well did they bat that they totalled 392 for nine wickets when they declared.

Hearne contributed a century (121), Enthoven made 53, Harris scored 57, and Mann 55.

Hampshire scored 250, the chief batsman being Mead, who scored the half century.

The second innings by Middlesex realised 110 runs, the play being noteworthy for the good bowling of Kennedy, who captured six wickets for 50 runs.

Hampshire collapsed in their 2nd venture, the whole side being out for only 76. Hearne was deadly with the ball, capturing seven wickets for 24 runs.

M.C.C. TOURS.

Difficulties Smoothed Away in India.

London, April 25.

A report which is being put before the general meeting of the Marylebone Cricket Club on May 4 states that the tour in India and South America was most successful.

The M.C.C. team in India suffered considerably from the tropical sun as well as from a plethora of cricket.

There might have been one or two occasions when serious difficulties would have cropped up but for the assistance of the Maharajah of Patiala.

Smaller Ball.

Favoured by the M.C.C.

London, April 25.

The committee of the M.C.C. strongly recommended an alteration to the rules necessary to bring the smaller ball into use.

The recommendation should receive the necessary majority.

Australians Leave for Malaya.

The Australian team, comprising Oldfield, Woodfull, Macartney, Andrews, Everitt, Mayne, Bardsley, Gambia, Sullivan, Roffe and Adams, have left Australia for Singapore by the "Malabar" and arrangements for their month's tour are now nearing completion.

The team is due to arrive in Singapore on May 24, and the first game will be played on May 28 and 29 against the S.C.C., to be followed by a match against all Singapore on May 31 and June 1.

The team will then proceed up-country, and after playing various matches there, they will return to Singapore for a match against All Malaya on June 24, 25 and 26.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## EXHIBITION MATCHES TO-DAY.

Tennis enthusiasts are reminded of the exhibition matches to be played this afternoon on the Stand Court in the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground. The proceeds will be devoted to the Ministering Children's League.

The matches are expected to reach a high standard of play and particular interest will be centred in the Mixed Doubles which begins at 4 p.m. For the first time in the history of the game in this Colony, a Chinese mixed doubles pair will be appearing in public. The players are well-known in the Colony, being M. K. Lo, who is one of our foremost exponents, and Miss Edith Lo, his sister. Miss Lo plays a very sound game and was runner-up in the Ladies' Open Championship Singles of the Colony last January.

Their opponents will be Mrs. Tottenham and Major Lucas. Mrs. Tottenham is undoubtedly the best lady player here and was the champion of the Colony for 1925 and 1926. Major Lucas has quite a big reputation and is a polished doubles player. A new comer to the Colony, his first appearance to-day will naturally be a good drawing card.

The Mixed Doubles will be followed by a Men's Doubles in which the Rumligh cousins will play Col. C. Russell Brown and Dr. R. E. Tottenham. The four players need no introduction here, but mention must be made that the Colonel and the Doctor are playing particularly well this season and should distinguish themselves this afternoon.

To-morrow's Tie.

Yesterday's Club Singles final between S. E. Green and G. W. Sewell was not played on account of the wet state of the court after the shower in the afternoon. It will be decided to-morrow afternoon.

Kowloon C.C. Teams for Saturday.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:—"A" team v. C.R.C. on K.C.C. ground—E. C. Fincher (Capt.) and E. F. Fincher, W. Hyde and C. E. Millard, D. H. Hazell and L. Jack.

"B" team v. Craigengower C.C. on Craigengower ground—C. W. E. Bishop (Capt.) and D. J. Purves, R. E. Lindell and C. H. Atkins, A. Hanson and G. S. Ford.

"C" team v. R.A.O.C. at Sookumpoo—E. Abraham (Capt.) and R. F. Strange, W. Woodward and C. H. Laddra, Geo. Lee and A. J. Kew.

THE SMASH AND BACKHAND KILL.

Mrs. G. J. Dewhurst (Holder of the Ceylon Ladies' Tennis Championship) and Miss V. M. Glasspool write to the "Times of Ceylon":—"The Smash and Back Hand Kill. The smash is an overhead stroke and hit on much the same lines as the 'plain overhead' service. It is the one stroke in lawn tennis which should win the ace outright. There are two ways in which to smash:—

1. The ball is hit with such force that the opponent is beaten by the sheer pace of the shot, even if the ball comes within reach.

2. The ball is not hit with such force as in the above, but is a winner just the same from the fact that it is placed out of the opponent's reach. Such an easy shot to return if only we could get to it."

A good example of these two smashes is to be seen in A. Warring and O. L. M. Pinto, both celebrated for their overhead work.

Like so many young players Warring favours the smash in which his opponent is beaten by the pace of the ball; these smashes, even though they may bounce short of the service line, often disappear over the stop net. This, of course, is particularly the case in Ceylon where the ball comes off the ground so quickly. There is no doubt, however, that in England these smashes would still be winners. This type of smash is most successful provided you are on your game, but if your eye is slightly out nothing will go right and 50 per cent. of your smashes will find the net or be yards over the baseline.

Most players using sheer force are brilliant but erratic.

Pinto's smashes are just as effective, though not so spectacular as those of Warring. Most people do not possess Pinto's fine tennis brain, which enables him using little energy to make winner after winner, but the average player will find that if instead of hitting with his full force he hits moderately hard and endeavours to place, his chances of making an ace are just as good and the risk of losing the point far less.

For the smash the ball is taken as high in the air as it can be reached, because, like the service it is hit downwards from a height and if it drops too far will go into the net or out. The arm at the moment of impact should be straight and stiff and the whole weight of the body put into the shot.

Most players can deal with the short lob—it simply asks to be killed, but it is by no means so easy if you have to run back behind the service line, as the eye must be taken off the ball and you have therefore to run backwards. Another difficulty in dealing with the deep lob is that, if it is to clear the net, it cannot be hit so much below the net as the short lob but must be hit in a flatter line of flight; unless you are a Boreas it is unlikely that you will kill a lob overhead from the back line more than once in five.

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## CHESS.

## KOWLOON DEFEAT H.M.S. "HERMES."

Yesterday evening the Kowloon Chess Club entertained a team from H.M.S. "Hermes," the Chess Club winning by six games to nil.

Details:—  
Kowloon "Hermes"  
Carvalho ..... 1 E. R. A. Flower ..... 0  
Hayes ..... 1 P. O. Stringer ..... 0  
Wong ..... 1 A. B. Richardson ..... 0  
Kendall ..... 1 E. R. A. Hunter ..... 0  
Smith ..... 1 P. O. Goldsponk ..... 0  
Fairs ..... 1 O. S. Quinton ..... 0

A return match has been arranged to take place on Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m.

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

## GARRISON MEETING AT KOWLOON CITY.

The most important rifle meeting of the year commenced at Kowloon City yesterday when the Garrison Competitions took place. Over forty teams were entered, including representatives of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, the R.O.S.B., the Cameronians, the Royal Artillery and other smaller units.

The competitions include individual championships in addition to the team shoots and there is likely to be exceptionally keen competition.

The Volunteers were granted a special concession, a Corps team having been chosen instead of a Company team, a condition which applied to other entrants. The Volunteer team was selected from the Scottish and Infantry Companies, Messrs. C. Young, K. McLennan, K. Boulton and G. R. Maskell being included.

The team shoot took place over the "A" range at Kowloon City, and the individual shoot over the "B" range.

The competitions for Indian units are to be shot off to-day on the same ranges.

## MILITARY SPORTS.

## THE BROWN ROWING CUP.

The race for the Brown Rowing Cup is to take place on Wednesday next, starting at 5.15 p.m.

The start will be from near Channel Rocks with the finish at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The distance is about 2,000 yards.

H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) has kindly consented to present the Cup and prizes to the winners at the conclusion of the race.

Tennis League.

The Garrison Tennis League competition begins next week.

## BASKETBALL.

## UNIVERSITY v. WAH YAN OLD BOYS.

A friendly basketball match will be played between the University of Hong Kong and Wah Yan Old Boys' Union at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. playground to-day at 4.30 p.m.

The players representing the W.Y.O.B.U. are as follows:—Ko Fian (Captain), Li Fu-yau, Leung Fong-ling, Fung Kwok-wah, Sze Ying-kuen, Reserves—Chu Pook-to, Li Lai-yang, Kwok Hung-cheung.

H.M. Balhatchet, the former Hong Kong University player, scored 24 of a total of 203 for nine wickets for the S.R.C. against the Singapore Cricket Club, who were all dismissed for 45.

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## IN THE RING.

## DEMPSEY SHOWS HIS HAND.

New York, May 17.

The fight promoter, Tex Rickard, has announced that Dempsey has refused the proposal to fight Paolino on or about July 1 but has agreed to meet the winner of next Thursday's heavy weight battle between Sharkey and Maloney early in August, to determine Tunney's opponent in the world's title bout in September.—Reuter's American Service.

## PEEPS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Because a boxer is almost perfect in scientific knowledge, this does not mean to say he is bound to win a championship. Curiously enough, (writes "John Fearless" in the "Athletic News"), I have never met a world's champion who did not impress me as being a regular champion. Whether it was Jack Dempsey, Jimmy Wilde, Jim Driscoll, or Tommy Milligan, each possessed the hallmark of determination, self-confidence, and that modesty which is one of the greatest gifts mankind can boast of having.

Johnny Basham's ideas of training were perfect. I remember travelling with the late Mr. A. F. Bettinson to Wrexham to see Johnny's preparation for Angie Ratner. In the Welch Fusiliers' drill hall Basham literally fought a dozen useful sparring partners whose weights ranged from heavy to feather.

"That is the proper way to keep your eye, hands, and boxing skill up to standard," declared "Peggy."

Milligan is another boxer who believes in plenty of boxing. He has the best he can obtain, and has his own private gymnasium. "I learned a severe lesson," he said, "in America and at home. Boxers who earned thousands of pounds a few years ago are broke to-day. They failed to understand that money so hardy gained quickly melts when expensive tastes are cultivated."

Jimmy Wilde's Wisdom.

Jimmy Wilde is one of the wise men of the ring. He earned a fortune with his fists—and retained it. Jimmy remembers his tough times when he had to sell sandstone from door to door.

His wife helped him as his sparring partner. When Jimmy began to earn decent money his manager, Mr. Teddy Lewis, engaged the best talent available, and Wilde was unsparing in his punishment. Bantam, feather, and light weights. Boxers with big reputations. They all suffered punishment and frequent knock-outs in the gym.

These days Jimmy Wilde lives in a beautiful house which is named "Lonsdale," and one of his sons is at college. He remembers his hard times, and rightly says that no boxer is over-paid.

Phil Scott is in many ways the prototype of Bombardier Billy Wells. They would pass for brothers in height, reach, and physique. Besides, Scott is almost equally as inconsistent as was the Bombardier. The present champion is an economic type. He is a regular home bird; is keen on wireless and motoring. Furthermore, he has the faculty of earning and keeping his purse money.

Scott has ideas peculiarly his own. He says little and is not easily influenced by the "tons" of advice which is poured into his ears.

Harry Mason is a box of tricks. A hard worker when training for an important fight, he also believes in extracting as much joy out of life as is humanly possible.

Before the Fight.

Mason is a born entertainer. He can sing, dance, and play the violin, piano, and mandoline with the skill of a professional. In his dressing-room before a big fight Mason keeps his trainer and seconds alive with ragtime and jazz music. And he will wear a top-hat and give a turn for an hour.

Most other champions prefer to rest on a couch up to the time they enter the ring, although when Georges Carpentier fought Bombardier Wells at the N.E.C. the famous Frenchman passed away the time by playing "up the line" with pennies. I have visited Elky Clark several times in his dressing-room before an important fight. He was silent and dour, and would sit in a chair all on his own with never a word.

Frank Moran was an extraordinary character. He hadn't the faintest knowledge of how to deliver a straight left and his footwork was most ungainly. However, Frank carried a terrific punch in his right glove, was strong as a Clydesdale stallion, and dead game. Moran, like most Irishmen, has the gift of tongues. He was talking to him just before he met Joe Rockett the first time.

## 32 LAKHS.

## INDIAN RACEHORSE OWNER PAYS UP.

Calcutta, May 1.

The full amount of 32 lakhs of rupees has been paid by Mr. J. C. Galstaun, the well-known racehorse owner, in satisfaction of all suits and decrees against him pending before the Subordinate Judge, Alipore.

It is recalled that Mr. Dinshaw brought a suit in the Court of the Subordinate Judge for possession of premises known as "Galstaun Park" and other properties, in terms of a mortgage bond for Rs. 3,200,000. Twelve other suits were also brought by Mr. Dinshaw against him for the rent of mortgaged properties.

Two other money decrees obtained by Mr. Dinshaw against Mr. Galstaun were transferred from the Bombay High Court to the Alipore Court for execution, in the course of which certain racehorses were ordered to be attached, but subsequently were released.

## RUGBY IN FRANCE.

## OVER 100,000 PLAYERS.

France would rather beat England at Rugby than at any other game.

While British help was largely responsible for the introduction of "Secur" into France, Rugby owes its beginning to native initiative. It was first played in France in 1837—four years before "Soccer" began there. There was no efficient central organisation up to the time of the war, and it was not till 1920 that the Federation Française de Rugby was formed and control of the game became independent of the Union des Sociétés de Sports Athlétiques, which, till then, had governed all sports in France.

The new federation began with 160 clubs. There are now 850. There are, of course, numerous clubs not affiliated to the central organisation, and including school and Army players there are now over 100,000 Rugby men in France. Many big clubs recruit their players from the schools, and it was largely due to sport-loving students that those two famous clubs, the Stade Français and the Racing Club de France, were founded.

Though it began in Paris, Rugby now has its stronghold in the South. In the province of Languedoc there are 95 League clubs. In the Pyrenees there are also 95. The Paris district has 67. The huge districts of Brittany and Normandy, in the north, have only 14 between them. The train journey from Paris to the centre of Rugby activity in the South takes twelve hours, and this has a big influence on some inter-club matches.

A journey of this length has to be made several times by teams in the championship of France. This competition so absorbs the interest of players that it has been advanced as a cause of French weakness in international games. In France players certainly seem less willing or able than in Britain to put the interests of the national team before those of their club.

While the popularity of the game increases, the standard of play remains stationary. In the case of international games, the level of play is probably declining. The present season has been a very anxious one for the selectors. France lost against the Maoris, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. While only nine forwards have been chosen this season eleven men have appeared in the three-quarter line, and not one of them has played in all four international games, in which a total of 27 men have been tried.

The future of the game in France is likely to develop on interesting lines. Our neighbour feels keenly her omission from the international councils of the game. She thinks that she has served her apprenticeship, and that she has earned a place at the family table. Delayed adoption is considered by some people in France as equal to a loss of prestige, and this loss they seek to make up elsewhere.

How this may be done is seen in this season's international programmes. In addition to matches with the four home countries and the Maoris, France had fixtures with Germany, Roumania, and Spain. She is fathering the game on the Continent, and it has been suggested that one day she will be at the head of a European Rugby organisation which will exclude Great Britain and Ireland.

Moran did not mention a word about pugilism. All he wanted to know was: Had I read Kent's poems?

The Pittsburgher received £4,000 for his fight with Beckett and proceeded to spend nearly every penny in a grand tour throughout Europe. When Frank Moran returned to London he hadn't a lot of money left, but he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. He told me that when he fought Jack Johnson twenty rounds in Paris he was not paid a cent, as Johnson's money and everybody else's was garnished! Every fighter has his own particular methods in boxing, training, and living. For the reason, they are like you and me—very human—although sometimes certain people forget that they are.

## SHARE MARKET.

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## FASHIONS AND FANCIES



Designs of Intricate Charm and Unusual Appeal Are Seen in the  
Fabrics That Will Create Both Daytime and Evening Ensembles

Among the collection of fabrics that are assuming important roles in the Springtime ensembles are to be found woollens of extreme lightness and fineness of weave which compare to the fine silks. These featherweight woollens appear in new versions of the Kasha family and will create many of the smartest Spring outfits. Included in this group of woollens are tuslikasha, mouslikasha, Hindlikasha, Toilikasha and Dialikasha. The lightness and fineness of these woollen mous-sellines are their outstanding features. The weaves differ slightly from those of other seasons, and they are seen in an interesting collection of colours.

Crepella is another fabric much used for Spring costumes. It is seen in its erstwhile weave and in many variations which come from the parent fabric.

In heavier fabrics there are to be found materials of twisted weaves. These are used to fashion the more tailored models for Springtime.

Fancy weaves include plaids, tiny flowered designs, spotted patterns and other odd designs and mixtures.

Many of the new woollens combine the plain and fanciful types and appear with silk threads tracing various designs. Mixed fabrics are seen in abundance, and there is a wide range of colour. Faded rose, beige-champagne and apricot are three new favourites of the Spring collection. As a whole, the very light shades are used. Different coloured threads stand out in the new fabrics in square designs, polka dots, flecked effects, floral or Greek patterns or various other patterns.

In the new silks, versions of silk crepes are seen in great variety. Printed designs and floral patterns are much in vogue, while in the plain shades there are colours of enchanting beauty. All the shades of blue appear in both silks and wools. Pale biscuits, cream, pale pink, greys, variations of beige, pale greens, yellows and reds all are seen in charming as-

sortments. The pale shades usually appear as a background for the brighter shades which form the designs of the patterned silks.

Stripes are also seen in startling colour combinations. They appear in both silk and the wool jerseys and are most often used to create the blouse of the jumper frock. There are occasions when stripes are used for the skirts, but these are smaller and are used with a blouse of plain colour and frequently add a tie of the stripes to carry out the contrast.

Dorothy Mackaill, appearing in First National's "Just Another Blonde," has selected an interesting and complete Spring wardrobe composed of the new woollens and silks of such infinite variety and appeal.

from the mauve phase through which most young girls go. They no longer want it in their dress and all about them to the exclusion of any other colour, but they like it in their bed-room, although the light in a mauve room is unkind to many complexions. This most attractive thing in the mauve scheme is the mauve lingerie. Most people retain a preference for white sheets, but there is a demand for the coloured linen for the room in which no white must be visible; even white towels are being superseded by coloured ones, which are having a great sale. Coloured blankets are also having a big vogue, and are very attractive, the finest quality being bound with self-coloured ribbon. Both towels and blankets in a deep primrose shade, bordering on orange, are being sold in great quantities.

The use of coloured applique and embroidery to decorate household linens must strike the housewife who is replenishing stocks bought before the war. The touch of colour is unforgettably introduced somewhere. Nottingham, the great lace centre, is doing very well with coloured linens. It is even sending lace-trimmed goods to America, which are selling well in spite of the high tariff there.

Plain coloured linen breakfast cloths have proved very successful, for of all meals breakfast, with the day's work and worries still ahead, is the one at which a cheerful note is most needed. Art linen mats, adorned with coloured fruits in applique work, help to decorate a table, and the Italian embroidered mats are still exceedingly popular. All lace mats in imitation Brussels are dainty and show up the grain of a good table, while art linen centres edged with imitation Brussels are almost as nice.

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The spring season will again make bountiful use of all the lovely patterned fabrics that Paris has inspired in her selection of materials for the frocks that mark the season's chic.

Printed silks for spring and summer are lovelier than ever. They come in a variety that leaves a choice wide enough to suit any taste. Printed silks in checks, plaids, floral and woven effects in dark or vivid colours for street or sports and in delicate colours for afternoon dresses are a feature of the new mode.

Printed pongee with hand blocked designs in rich colours is a new and interesting choice for sport dresses or coats.

Imported chiffons, exquisite in their shadowy designs are featured in all the fashionable tints, while georgettes and crepe silks also appear in patterns of extreme beauty and charm.

Whilst entire frocks of these printed patterns are to be found, another use of checked and floral patterned materials is seen in the trimmings used on a plain fabric.

More and more it is noticed that the newest frocks are using different fabrics to fashion their smart silhouettes. The two-piece frock, continuing in its popularity, uses plain and figured materials with smart results. The one-piece dress uses ruffles, jabots, collars, cuffs and edgings of contrasting materials with equal appeal.

Yola D'Avril, appearing in the First National film, "Orchids and Ermine," wears a simple afternoon frock in two pieces that features plaid trimming. The skirt is shirred into a pleasing fullness while the blouse gains distinction through a plaid jabot, collars and cuffs, as well as a trimming of plaid on the pockets.

There are people who, in their heart-of-hearts, prefer the stiff and starched look of the white tablecloths, but buy mats because they believe them to be cheaper. The prices of tablecloths have, however, come down enormously, and an Irish damask cloth which was 49s. 6d. five years ago is now 27s. 6d. Another point that the housewife will discover during her shopping is that fashion is against rigid methods in the home, and that an alteration of styles has a decidedly refreshing effect on the mind. It is the simplest psychology that, after a period with table mats, tablecloths look nicer than ever, and vice versa. The same applies to the bed-room. Artificial silk bedspreads, trimmed with applique and the new wadded quilts covered in shot artificial silk, are both inexpensive and charming to the eyes, and if they are changed fairly frequently, one tires of them less readily.

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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Dublin City Commissioners have decided to borrow £500,000 for further housing schemes.

The Air Ministry states that the earthquake felt in Jersey gave extremely small records on the seismograph at Kew Observatory.

Mr. William James, an Indian Mutiny veteran, who has died at Charlton, Kent, aged 93, recently visited his daughter at Peace River, Alberta.

Mrs. Alice Maud Box, aged 40, of Northcole Road, Walthamstow, E., while crossing the railway at Loughton was knocked down by a train and killed.

Mr. Oscar de Glanville, a barrister, has been appointed president of the Burma Legislative Council to succeed Sir Robert Giles, who is retiring.

Some rubbish on a waggon at Woolwich Arsenal caught fire, but the Arsenal fire brigade quickly put out the flames, and the services of outside fire brigades were not required.

After a round of golf Mr. R. E. Murray, aged 48, of Belmont, while watching some players at the 18th green at Banstead Downs, Surrey, golf course, fell dead from heart failure.

A prize schedule, amounting to £14,701, and including 21 breeds of cattle, 18 of sheep, 9 of pigs, and about 12 of horses, has been prepared for the Royal Agricultural Show, to be held at Newport, Monmouthshire, from July 5 to 9 inclusive.

During January, of 85 soldiers who completed their courses of vocational training at Hounslow and Caterick, and were discharged from the Army on the termination of their colour service, 70 got immediate employment in civil life.

That owing to carelessness a can of washings was sent out instead of separated milk was the defence of a case at Stafford when Mrs. Clare Stephenson, Barn Bank Farm, Stafford, was fined £20, with £5 15s. costs, for adulterating milk with 57 per cent. water.

A five months old Hull baby named Irene Beech died at the Royal Infirmary as the result of swallowing an open safety pin.

Community singing at a Glasgow I.L.P. concert was led by Mr. James Maxton, M.P. He also took the solo part in the Socialist song, "Our Country's Call."

At Branksome, Dorset, Harold Penny Marine, aged 60, a gardener, of Douglas Road, Upper Parkstone, was found dead on the roadside with his throat cut and clasp of a pruning knife.



The western provinces of Canada have their Banff, their Lake Louise and their 600-mile stretch of Glorious Rockies that have attracted the eyes of the world, but the Pacific Coast also shares the distinction of having produced many world-celebrated domestic animals and birds. The campaign for greater production has no better disciple than the lady shown above, otherwise known as Hen No. 5, bred by the University of British Columbia and holding the world's record for egg-laying, namely 351 of the eatables that go so well with bacon, in 364 days. It is reported that this famous hen did not even lay off for Lent, but did take a fortnight's holiday which was plainly accorded her.

Over \$350 has been offered and refused for this hen and as high as \$25 per egg has been paid. Bird fanciers will have an opportunity of viewing her when she is placed on exhibition at the World Poultry Congress at Ottawa in July.

A Lincolnshire domestic servant who stole a sovereign said that it was the first coin of that kind she had seen.

Four of the six furnaces, at Messrs. Baldwin's steel furnaces at Landore, Swansea, were shut down through lack of orders.

An Alnwick (Northumberland) boy messenger, riding a bicycle, was thrown head first through a shop window, but landing on some fruit, did not hurt himself.

Built for a school, and afterwards part of an isolation hospital, and latterly a button factory, an old building at Palmers Green, is now to be used as a powder-puff factory.

Mr. Edward Clayton Hoare (80), a survivor of the American Civil War, and his wife, aged 81, of St. Vincent Road, Southsea, have celebrated their diamond wedding.

The report of the Royal Commission on London Cross-River Traffic, whose proposals would involve an estimated expenditure of £27,500,000, is being considered by the Treasury.

Mr. Frank H. Houlder, chairman of Houlder Brothers and Co., Ltd., who is now on a visit to South America, was received in audience by His Excellency the President of Uruguay.

The National Savings Committee announces that sales of National Savings Certificates for the week ended April 2, 1927, were 924,424, making a grand total sold of 806,123,191.

Mr. Arthur Cave, shoe manufacturer, stated to have been a pioneer of the boot industry in Rushden, was found dead in a train on its arrival at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

Struck by a Canterbury-Whitstable motor-bus while cycling at Blean, Miss Constance Conquest (23), of Giles-lane, Canterbury, received injuries from which she died in hospital.

Amongst the passengers on board the Canadian Pacific liner "Montclare," sailing from Liverpool for Canada, was Mr. W. A. Williams, who will be making the Atlantic crossing for the 119th time.

On April 4, 1927, the total number of persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain was 1,073,800. This was 7,929 less than a week before, but 24,014 more than a year before.

Another thousand settlers left Liverpool for Canada in the Cunard liner "Caronia." Most of them were farm and household workers, and a large number were taking advantage of the various schemes to encourage emigration.

The Walmer lifeboat was launched in response to urgent distress signal from a large steamer which grounded on the South Goodwins. The vessel was refloated and proceeded on her voyage apparently undamaged.

Cannon Hill Common, Merton, over fifty acres in extent, which has been acquired by Merton and Morden Urban District Council as an unenclosed open space, was opened to the public by Mr. E. J. Holland, chairman of the Surrey County Council.

It is stated that the Southern Railway have no intention of reopening the derelict line between Nunhead and Greenwich Park for passenger traffic. The Lewisham Road to Greenwich Park section will be demolished, as the company have applied for Parliamentary powers to construct a new "fly-over" loop for goods traffic.

Records in the Atlantic passenger trade are contemplated by the Cunard Co. During May six Cunard liners will practically simultaneously carry full loads of American delegates to the Rotary Convention at Ostend, and in September big contingents of American tourists to European battlefields will again fill six ships.

"Courage is always within the hearts of the Merchant Service," said the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, when presenting John Fyle, of Tyne Dock, with the vellum certificate of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing a man who fell overboard at Chatham Docks. The rescue took place on a pitch black night in January, and the certificate was presented to Fyle an hour after the arrival of his vessel in the Tyne.

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